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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 278, L.D. 412, Bill, “An Act Regarding Telephonic Political Communications and Push Polling”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding Prerecorded Telephonic Political Communications'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1014, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §9, is further amended to read:

5. Telephone calls. Prerecorded automated telephone calls and scripted live telephone communications that name a clearly identified candidate during the 21 days before a primary election or the 35 days before a general election must clearly state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the communication, except for prerecorded automated telephone calls paid for by the candidate that use the candidate's voice in the telephone call and that are made in support of that candidate. For prerecorded automated telephone calls during the 21 days before a primary election or the 35 days before a general election that do not use the candidate's voice in support of that candidate, the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the communication must be clearly stated at the beginning of the call. Telephone calls made for the purposes of researching the views of voters are not required to include the disclosure.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires that a political communication in the form of a prerecorded automated telephone call must clearly state the name of the person

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1 who financed the expenditure for the communication at the beginning of the call. Current
2 law does not specify when during the call this statement is required.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)