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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 284, L.D. 726, “An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Political Action Committees Relating to Union, Business and Nonprofit Organizations”

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1004-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 274, §1 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

**2. Contribution in excess of limitations.** A person that accepts or makes a contribution that exceeds the limitations set out in ~~this chapter~~ section 1015, subsections 1 and 2-B may be assessed a penalty of no more than the amount by which the contribution exceeded the limitation.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1012, sub-§4-B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 274, §2 and affected by §13, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1012, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 274, §3 and affected by §13, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 274, §4 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

**1. Contributions by individuals.** An individual may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than ~~\$1,500~~ \$1,950 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate, more than ~~\$350~~ \$475 for a legislative candidate, more than ~~\$500~~ \$575 for a candidate for municipal office and ~~beginning January 1, 2012~~ more than ~~\$750~~ \$975 in any election for any other candidate. This limitation does not apply to contributions in support of a candidate by that candidate or that candidate's spouse or domestic partner. Beginning December 1, ~~2010~~ 2024, contribution limits in accordance with this subsection are adjusted every 2 years based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25. The commission shall post the current

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1 contribution limit and the amount of the next adjustment and the date that it will become  
2 effective on its publicly accessible website and include this information with any  
3 publication to be used as a guide for candidates.

4 **Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 607, §1 and  
5 affected by §5, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 274, §6 and  
7 affected by §13, is repealed.

8 **Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

9 **2-B. Committees; corporations; associations.** A political committee, political action  
10 committee, ballot question committee or other committee, firm, partnership, corporation,  
11 association or organization may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the  
12 candidacy of one person aggregating more than \$1,950 in any election for a gubernatorial  
13 candidate, more than \$475 for a legislative candidate, more than \$575 for a candidate for  
14 municipal office and more than \$975 in any election for any other candidate. Beginning  
15 December 1, 2024, contribution limits in accordance with this subsection are adjusted every  
16 2 years based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of  
17 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25. The  
18 commission shall post the current contribution limit and the amount of the next adjustment  
19 and the date that it will become effective on its publicly accessible website and include this  
20 information with any publication to be used as a guide for candidates.

21 **Sec. 8. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 274, §7 and  
22 affected by §13, is repealed.

23 **Sec. 9. 21-A MRSA §1015-A**, as repealed by PL 2021, c. 274, §8 and affected by  
24 §13, is reenacted to read:

25 **§1015-A. Corporate contributions**

26 Contributions made by a for-profit or a nonprofit corporation including a parent,  
27 subsidiary, branch, division, department or local unit of a corporation, and contributions  
28 made by a political committee or political action committee whose contribution or  
29 expenditure activities are financed, maintained or controlled by a corporation are  
30 considered to be made by that corporation, political committee or political action  
31 committee.

32 **1. Single entities.** Two or more entities are treated as a single entity if the entities:

33 A. Share the majority of members of their boards of directors;

34 B. Share 2 or more officers;

35 C. Are owned or controlled by the same majority shareholder or shareholders;

36 C-1. Are limited liability companies that are owned or controlled by the same majority  
37 member or members; or

38 D. Are in a parent-subsidiary relationship.

39 **2. Sole proprietorships.** A sole proprietorship and its owner are treated as a single  
40 entity.



