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In Senate, March 10, 2011

An Act To Improve Transparency in Political Campaigns by Providing Quicker Access to Reports

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PATRICK of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative CAREY of Lewiston and
Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, HILL of York,
JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, BRIGGS of Mexico,
GILBERT of Jay, PETERSON of Rumford.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017-A, sub-§4-A, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 190,
3 Pt. A, §11, is further amended to read:

4 A. Quarterly reports must be filed by 11:59 p.m.:

- 5 (1) On January 15th and must be complete up to December 31st;
- 6 (2) On April 10th and must be complete up to March 31st;
- 7 (3) On July 15th and must be complete up to June 30th; and
- 8 (4) On October ~~10th~~ 3rd and must be complete up to September 30th.

9 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1059, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 190, Pt. A,
10 §24, is further amended to read:

11 A. Quarterly reports must be filed:

- 12 (1) On January 15th and must be complete as of December 31st;
- 13 (2) On April 10th and must be complete as of March 31st;
- 14 (3) On July 15th and must be complete as of June 30th; and
- 15 (4) On October ~~10th~~ 3rd and must be complete as of September 30th.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill moves up by one week the last quarterly report before a November election
18 required of political action committees and party committees for the reporting of
19 contributions and expenditures.