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An Act To Require Campaign Finance Reports of Independent Expenditures To Contain a Copy of an Advertisement

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 448, §3, is amended to read:

B. A report required by this subsection must contain an itemized account of each contribution or expenditure aggregating in excess of \$100 in any one candidate's election, the date and purpose of each contribution or expenditure and the name of each payee or creditor. The report must state whether the contribution or expenditure is in support of or in opposition to the candidate and must include, under penalty of perjury, as provided in Title 17-A, section 451, a statement under oath or affirmation whether the contribution or expenditure is made in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, the candidate or an authorized committee or agent of the candidate. If the contribution or expenditure is in opposition to a candidate, the report must contain a copy of the final draft of any mailer, postcard or advertisement or script of any broadcast or telephone call.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the campaign finance laws to require that the report of independent expenditures contain a copy of the final draft of any mailer, postcard or advertisement or script of any broadcast or telephone call that is in opposition to a candidate.