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An Act To Define the Term "Unenrolled Political Action Committee"

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Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.
Cosponsored by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln and
Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, RISEMAN of Harrison, TALBOT ROSS of
Portland, WARREN of Scarborough.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1001, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Unenrolled political action committee.** "Unenrolled political action committee"
4 means a political action committee designated under section 1053-C, subsection 3 to
5 promote the election of unenrolled candidates to the Senate or the House of
6 Representatives.

7 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1018-B, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 635, §3, is
8 further amended to read:

9 **2. Limitations.** After an election, candidates may receive donations for purposes of a
10 recount. The donations must be within the limitations of section 1015, except that no
11 limitation applies to donations from party committees, unenrolled political action
12 committees and caucus political action committees and from attorneys, consultants and
13 their firms that are donating their services without reimbursement. Candidates may not
14 spend revenues received under chapter 14 for recount expenditures.

15 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1053-C**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 635, §4, is amended by
16 amending the section headnote to read:

17 **§1053-C. Caucus political action committees and unenrolled political action**
18 **committees**

19 **Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1053-C, sub-§1, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

20 A-1. "House unenrolled leader" means a member of the House of Representatives who
21 is not enrolled in a political party and who has been elected the leader of the members
22 of the House of Representatives who are not enrolled in a political party. For purposes
23 of this paragraph, if the Speaker of the House of Representatives is not enrolled in a
24 political party, the Speaker of the House of Representatives is deemed the House
25 unenrolled leader.

26 **Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §1053-C, sub-§1, ¶D** is enacted to read:

27 D. "Senate unenrolled leader" means a member of the Senate who is not enrolled in a
28 political party and who has been elected the leader of the members of the Senate who
29 are not enrolled in a political party. For purposes of this paragraph, if the President of
30 the Senate is not enrolled in a political party, the President of the Senate is deemed the
31 Senate unenrolled leader.

32 **Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §1053-C, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

33 **3. Designation of unenrolled political action committee.** The Senate unenrolled
34 leader and the House unenrolled leader may each designate one unenrolled political action
35 committee to promote the election of unenrolled candidates to the body of the Legislature
36 of which the unenrolled leader is a member. The designation must be made in a letter to
37 the commission and remains effective until a new designation is made in a letter to the
38 commission from the unenrolled leader of the same body of the Legislature.

39 **Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §1122, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

40 **10. Unenrolled political action committee.** "Unenrolled political action committee"
41 has the same meaning as in section 1001, subsection 4.

