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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 447, L.D. 1299, Bill, “An Act To Amend Campaign Finance Laws”

Amend the bill by adding after section 34 the following:

Sec. 35. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§12-D is enacted to read:

12-D. Duties of the campaign treasurer and deputy treasurer. The treasurer shall file all campaign finance reports required by section 1017, this chapter and commission rules, unless the treasurer delegates the filing of reports to the deputy treasurer designated on the candidate's registration. A candidate may enter financial transactions in an electronic reporting system or on paper forms of the commission, but the report must be filed by the treasurer or deputy treasurer. The treasurer is jointly responsible with the candidate for ensuring that the campaign keeps all records required by section 1016, this chapter and commission rules. If the candidate keeps the records, the candidate shall provide the treasurer or deputy treasurer with access to the records for the purpose of filing complete and accurate campaign finance reports. The commission may hold the candidate and treasurer jointly and severally liable for any penalties assessed for violations of the financial reporting or record-keeping requirements of this chapter, chapter 13 and commission rules. If the deputy treasurer files reports for the campaign, the commission may hold the deputy treasurer jointly and severally liable for any penalties related to reports filed by the deputy treasurer.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds a provision to the bill to allow candidates to enter financial transactions related to required campaign finance reports in an electronic reporting system or on paper forms. It specifies that a candidate's treasurer or deputy treasurer is required to file the complete campaign finance reports. The amendment also adds provisions allowing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 hold the candidate and treasurer, and deputy treasurer, if applicable, responsible for
2 penalties related to filing of campaign finance reports.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)