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**STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 430, L.D. 617, Bill, “An Act To Change Municipal Campaign Contribution Limits”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first to 4th indented paragraphs (page 1, lines 11 to 25 in amendment) and inserting the following:

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

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 382, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Individuals. An individual may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than \$1,500 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate, more than \$350 for a legislative candidate, more than \$350 for a candidate for municipal office and beginning January 1, 2012 more than ~~\$750~~ \$500 for a candidate for municipal office or more than \$750 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, 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 contribution limit and the amount of the next adjustment and the date that it will become effective on its publicly accessible website and include this information with any publication to be used as a guide for candidates.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 382, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Committees; corporations; associations. A political committee, political action committee, other committee, firm, partnership, corporation, association or organization may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than \$1,500 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate, more than \$350 for a legislative candidate, more than \$350 for a candidate for municipal office and beginning January 1, 2012 more than ~~\$750~~ \$500 for a candidate for municipal office or more than \$750 in any election for any other candidate. Beginning December 1, 2010, contribution limits in accordance with this subsection are adjusted every 2 years based on

1 the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau
2 of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25. The commission
3 shall post the current contribution limit and the amount of the next adjustment and the
4 date that it will become effective on its publicly accessible website and include this
5 information with any publication to be used as a guide for candidates.''

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment reduces from \$750 to \$500 the maximum allowable contribution
8 established in the bill for candidates for municipal office and strikes language contained
9 in the committee amendment that reduces the maximum allowable contribution for
10 candidates for county office.

11 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

12 **(Representative CHIPMAN)**

13 **TOWN: Portland**