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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 910, L.D. 1271, Bill, “An Act To Increase Transparency in Reporting of Party Committees, Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding Penalties for Campaign Finance Reporting Violations and Late Filing by Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees'

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

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1004-A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 302, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

§1004-A. Penalties

The commission may assess the following penalties in addition to the other monetary sanctions authorized in this chapter.

1. Late campaign finance report. A person that files a late campaign finance report containing no contributions or expenditures may be assessed a penalty of no more than \$100, except as provided in section 1004-C.

2. Contribution in excess of limitations. A person that accepts or makes a contribution that exceeds the limitations set out in section 1015, subsections 1 and 2 may be assessed a penalty of no more than the amount by which the contribution exceeded the limitation, except as provided in section 1004-C.

3. Contribution in name of another person. A person that makes a contribution in the name of another person, or that knowingly accepts a contribution made by one person in the name of another person, may be assessed a penalty not to exceed \$5,000, except as provided in section 1004-C.

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1 penalties applied to political action committees and ballot question committees when
2 required reports are filed late.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)