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An Act To Prohibit Nonresidents from Contributing to Maine Political Campaigns or Candidates

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Contributions restricted to residents of the State. A person who is not a resident of the State or that is not incorporated in this State may not make a contribution to support the election or defeat of a candidate, direct initiative or people's veto on the ballot in this State.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1122, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2007, c. 571, §10, is further amended to read:

9. Seed money contribution. "Seed money contribution" means a contribution of no more than \$100 per individual who is a resident of the State made to a participating candidate, including the candidate or the candidate's spouse or domestic partner.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that contributions to candidate and ballot measure campaigns may only come from residents of this State or organizations that are incorporated in this State.