



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
135 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0135

To: Commission
From: Jonathan Wayne
Date: July 21, 2026
Re: Update on Request from Nirav Shah Campaign to Investigate Text Messages

In Maine, text messages sent with the assistance of mass distribution technology that expressly advocate for the election or defeat of a candidate must clearly state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the text messages. On June 6, 2026 (three days before the primary election), the campaign of Nirav Shah for Governor requested that the Ethics Commission investigate text messages sent earlier that day by the federal VoteRise PAC urging support for a “slate” of three other candidates in the Democratic primary election, Hannah Pingree, Troy Jackson, and Shenna Bellows. ETH 1-13. The texts sent on June 6, 2026 concluded:

Have a favorite? Rank them #1. Then rank the other two #2 and #3.

That's how all three asked Mainers to vote, and it's how you make your ballot count next Tuesday, June 9th.

Full story here: <https://vote-rise.com/meBN1?id=TRQU> - VR, stop to end

On June 8, 2026, Howie Stanger, the treasurer for VoteRise, sent a brief response by email (attached) stating VoteRise believed that including its name in a URL was sufficient disclosure but would change the disclosure in any future text messages. ETH-14. At a special meeting on June 9, 2026, counsel for the Shah campaign described the disclosure of VoteRise's name in the texts as unclear if not hidden. He also asked the Commission to investigate whether VoteRise met the thresholds for independent expenditure reporting (spending \$1,000 per candidate) or qualifying as a PAC (receiving contributions or making expenditures totaling more than \$2,500 in a year to influence Maine candidate elections). Counsel for VoteRise apologized on behalf of his client if the disclosure was insufficient and said it had relied on standards in other jurisdictions. He confirmed that, after talking to Commission staff, VoteRise had updated the disclosure statement in text messages sent on June 8 and 9 to say “Paid for by VoteRise.”

The Commission didn't take action with respect to the potential disclosure statement violation. It directed staff to request documentation of charges to VoteRise for the text messages. This matter was scheduled for the June 24 meeting and then postponed until July 29.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS (ETH 33-46)

Required Identification of Spender in Express Advocacy Text Messages

Title 21-A, section 1014 requires certain communications to voters advocating for or against candidates to identify who paid for them. Subsection 1014(5-A) applies to text messages:

Text messages sent with the assistance of mass distribution technology that is paid for by a person must clearly and conspicuously state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure if:

- A. The text message expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate; or
- B. The text message contains a link to a website that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate.

21-A M.R.S. § 1014(5-A). A violation of § 1014 may result in a civil penalty of up to the amount of the expenditure in violation. § 1014(4).

Definition of Political Action Committee

The definition of a PAC includes, in part: "Any person, including any corporation or association, other than an individual, that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating more than \$2,500 in a calendar year for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any candidate to political office." 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(5)(A)(1).

Requirement to Register and Exceptions for Out-of-State Committees

Maine Election Law contains a separate subsection applicable to organizations registered as a political committee in other jurisdictions. A PAC that is registered with the FEC must register and file reports with the Commission upon receiving contributions or making expenditures to influence a campaign in Maine in excess of the \$2,500 threshold. 21-A M.R.S. § 1053-B.

Definition of Contribution

The term “contribution” includes, in part: “A gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value made to or received by a committee for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign.” 21-A M.R.S. § 1052(3)(A).

Definition of In-Kind Contribution

Maine’s campaign finance statutes do not define “in-kind contribution” but the Commission’s rules contain two provisions defining what is an in-kind contribution:

“In-kind contribution” means any gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of anything of value other than money made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any person to political office or for the initiation, support or defeat of a ballot question.

94-270 Code of Maine Rules ch. 1, § 1(12).

Unless specifically exempted under 21-A M.R.S. §§ 1012 & 1052 or this section, the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge that is less than the usual and customary charge for such goods or services is an in-kind contribution. Examples of such goods and services include, but are not limited to: equipment, facilities, supplies, personnel, advertising, and campaign literature. If goods or services are provided at less than the usual and customary charge, the amount of the in-kind contribution is the difference between the usual and customary charge and the amount charged the candidate or political committee.

A. A commercial vendor that has provided a discount to a candidate or political committee because of a defect in performance or other business reason has not made a contribution if the vendor grants substantially similar discounts to other customers in the ordinary course of the vendor’s business.

B. If a candidate is a public official who is provided a vehicle for transportation by a public entity for the purpose of conducting official duties, the use of such vehicle for campaign purposes is considered to be an in-kind contribution to the candidate from the public entity unless the candidate reimburses the public entity for the use of the vehicle.

94-270 Code of Maine Rules ch. 1, § 6(4).

Independent Expenditure Reporting

An independent expenditure is an expenditure to design, produce or disseminate a public communication to voters that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, when the expenditure is not made in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's authorized political committee or their agents. 21-A M.R.S. § 1019-B(1)(A). When a person makes an independent expenditure in excess of \$1,000 per candidate, it is required to file an independent expenditure report with the Commission in accordance with a schedule in the Commission's rules. 21-A M.R.S. § 1019-B(4). Under the Commission's rules, during the last 13 days before a primary election, an independent expenditure report must be filed within one calendar day of making the expenditure for the communication. 94-270 Code of Maine Rules ch. 1, § (10)(3)(B)(3).

Standard for initiating an investigation

The Commission is required to review every request to investigate an alleged violation of campaign finance law and to conduct an "investigation if the reasons stated for the request show sufficient grounds for believing that a violation may have occurred." 21-A M.R.S. § 1003(2).

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

June 9, 2026 meeting. The complaint filed by the Shah campaign contains an image of the June 6th text messages. ETH 4-5. The texts included a graphic that looks like a news headline from a Portland TV station and a photo of the three candidates. A caption within the graphic reads: "The slate have been champions on issues such as marriage equality, labor issues and other progressive causes." Below that graphic is language containing the following call to action and hyperlink:

Stand with the slate for a better Maine. Troy Jackson, Hannah Pingree and Shenna Bellows have cross-endorsed each other in next week's Dem primary for Governor. Have a favorite? Rank them #1. Then rank the other two #2 and #3. That's how all three asked Mainers to vote, and it's how you make your ballot count next Tuesday, June 9th.

Full story here: <https://vote-rise.com/meBN1?id=TRQU> - VR, stop to end

After a user clicks on the link, the user's browser opens briefly to a webpage within the domain www.vote-rise.com and is then redirected to a news article on the Maine Public website about Troy Jackson, Hannah Pingree, and Shenna Bellows announcing support for each other through ranked-choice voting.

Commission's June 9, 2025 meeting. After the Commission received the Shah campaign's June 6th request, the Commission met on Tuesday, June 9th. Newell Augur, counsel for the Shah campaign said, in summary:

The Shah campaign echoes the concerns expressed by Commission Counsel and staff concerning the disclosure of VoteRise's name in the June 6th texts. The disclosure of the name is hidden or at least unclear. Independent expenditure communications costing more than \$1,000 per candidate require reporting within 24 hours of when a PAC commits to making the expenditure, not when the communication is sent. Many people associated with the Shah campaign received the June 6th texts, which leads the Shah campaign to estimate conservatively that 30,000 - 50,000 people received the June 6th texts. Many fundraising firms charge 10 - 12 cents per text. Even if VoteRise was charged only six cents per text, that would put VoteRise over the \$1,000 independent expenditure reporting threshold. A campaign of text messages could entail costs for other services such as preparing the copy for the texts, determining the audience of voters, *etc.* The Shah campaign argues that if the Commission determines VoteRise was required to file an independent expenditure report, it should file the report now.

Mr. Dayne Lee, counsel for VoteRise responded, in summary:

VoteRise apologizes that the Commission needed to meet on an expedited basis. With regard to the disclosure in the text messages, VoteRise is a federal committee. Different standards apply in different states, which isn't an excuse for not meeting Maine's standards. VoteRise believed, as is the practice in other states, that having its full name within the text and the initials VR was sufficient. After talking to Mr. Wayne, the disclosure in the second round of texts sent on Monday, June 8 was "Paid for by VoteRise." If the disclosure in the June 6th texts was insufficient, VoteRise apologizes. The costs charged by VoteRise's vendor are quite low and different than Mr. Augur described. VoteRise spent around \$702 for the July 6

texts. It sent a second round of texts with the correct disclosure on Monday, July 8, but has not received the bill for that round. VoteRise expects to send a third round of texts on July 9th. The total cost will be around under \$2,000. VoteRise is meeting its obligations under Maine law. Its expenditures will be reported in its next quarterly report filed with the FEC.

Information Provided by VoteRise on June 18, 2026. On June 18, 2026, Mr. Lee provided a three-page letter that included a table Mr. Lee described as “a complete list of all expenditures made [by VoteRise] for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates in the June 9, 2026 Maine primary elections.” ETH 16-18. The payee for all expenditures was Movement Labs, LLC. Upon information and belief, VoteRise’s treasurer, Howie Stanger, is also associated with both Movement Labs. The total of the listed expenditures is \$2,131.27.

VoteRise also provided a one-page bank document for an ACH transfer of \$2,131.27 dated June 16, 2026 from VoteRise to Movement Labs. The Commission will keep this bank record confidential under 21-A M.R.S. § 1003(3-A)(A).

VoteRise subsequently filed a July 15, 2026 campaign finance report with the Federal Election Commission also listing its campaign finance activity. ETH 19-32.

Postponement. This item was scheduled for the Commission’s June 24, 2026 meeting. VoteRise requested a postponement so it could obtain counsel with knowledge of Maine campaign finance law.

STAFF COMMENTS ON OPTIONS OR THE JULY 29, 2026 MEETING

Potential disclosure statement violation. In the opinion of the Commission staff, no further investigation is necessary concerning the issue of whether VoteRise violated 21-A M.R.S. § 1014(5-A) by not clearly and conspicuously stating its name in the June 6th text messages. That is ready for a decision by the Commission. If the Commission chooses to find that VoteRise violated 21-A M.R.S. § 1014(5-A), it has the option of assessing a penalty of up to the amount of the expenditure for the June 6th texts. § 1014(4). VoteRise has indicated that the June 6th text messages cost \$705.78.

In assessing any penalty under 21-A M.R.S. § 1014(4), the Commission is directed to consider the following factors:

among other things, how widely the public communication was disseminated, whether the violation was intentional, whether the violation occurred as the result of an error by a printer or other paid vendor and whether the public communication conceals or misrepresents the identity of the person who financed it. If the person who financed the public communication or who committed the violation corrects the violation within 10 days after receiving notification of the violation from the commission by adding the missing information to the public communication, the commission may decide to assess no civil penalty.

21-A M.R.S. § 1014(4).

The Commission staff believes that information is also sufficient to conclude that VoteRise was *not* required to submit an independent expenditure (IE) report for the text messages. Because three candidates were supported, an IE report would be required only if a communication cost more than \$3,000.

Commission staff does not know whether the Commission believes sufficient grounds have been presented by the Shah campaign for believing that a PAC registration and reporting violation *may* have occurred, which is the standard for whether to initiate an investigation in response to a request from outside the Commission. 21-A M.R.S. § 1003(2). An organization qualifies as a PAC if it has received monetary and in-kind contributions or made expenditures exceeding \$2,500 in a calendar year for the purpose of influencing Maine's candidate elections. VoteRise reported to the Federal Election Commission that it received \$2,131.27 on June 12, 2026 from another federal PAC, Building America. ETH-24. Presumably, Building America provided \$2,131.27 so that VoteRise could pay its debt to Movement Labs in the same amount for the June 6-9, 2026 text messages. Hypothetically, if VoteRise received any other services to influence the Maine primary election that it didn't pay for, the total monetary and in-kind contributions could have exceeded \$2,500, but that's speculative.

If the Commission is persuaded there's an adequate basis for investigating whether VoteRise qualified as a PAC, the Commission staff suggests an investigation should include monetary or any in-kind contributions received by VoteRise for the purpose influencing Maine elections.

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June 6, 2026

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BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Jonathan,

On behalf of the Shah for Maine Campaign and pursuant to MRSA 21-A Section 1003 Subsection 2, we respectfully request that the Commission immediately investigate a text message disseminated today by a group loosely identified as 'Vote Rise.' The text message, which expressly advocates for the election of a candidate, does not comply with the disclaimer requirements established by 21-A M.R.S. § 1014(5-A).

BACKGROUND

Earlier today, members of the Shah campaign received a political text message from telephone number (541) 937-9804 concerning the Democratic primary election for Governor. The message urged recipients to support a coordinated ranking strategy involving candidates Shenna Bellows, Troy Jackson and Hannah Pingree. Specifically, the communication included a graphic displaying the branding of WMTW-TV. That message resembles a screenshot from WMTW-TV social media and states: Bellows, Jackson and Pingree Cross-Endorse for Governor.

The message also contained a hyperlink associated with the domain vote-rise.com. Upon clicking the link, the browser briefly displayed the vote-rise.com domain before automatically redirecting to a Maine Public news article from May 22, 2026 entitled "Shenna Bellows, Troy Jackson and Hannah Pingree form ranked-choice alliance in gubernatorial primary."

To our knowledge and based on our research, Vote Rise is not a registered independent expenditure entity or political action committee in Maine. Additionally, the actual voterise.info website does not contain information about who funds the website and its political activities. Copies of the text message, redirect sequence, and destination webpage are attached.

TRANSPARENCY CONSIDERATIONS OF 21-A M.R.S. § 1014(5-A)

The text message disseminated by Vote Rise instructs recipients how to rank candidates in the upcoming gubernatorial primary and encourages support for a coordinated slate of candidates. This expressly advocates for the election of a candidate as defined in Chapter 1, § 10(2)(B) of the Commission's Rules. Notably, the text message does not clearly and conspicuously identify the person, organization, political action committee, or other entity that financed or authorized the communication. This is in direct violation of 21-A MRSA § 1014 (5-A), requiring text messages to clearly and conspicuously state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure.¹

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

The Commission should also determine the identity and legal status of the entity operating through the vote-rise.com domain. Based upon a review of publicly available information, we cannot determine the legal entity responsible for the communication; whether that entity is registered with the Commission in any capacity; or whether any reporting obligations were triggered by expenditures associated with the communication. Per Maine election law and the Commission's [most recent guidance on independent expenditures](#), an entity making an independent expenditure in excess of \$1,000 is required to file a report within one calendar day of making the expenditure. As of 3:00 pm of the

¹ Further, the redirect website or destination article does not identify the sponsor responsible for the communication.

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date of this letter, there is no registration by Vote Rise on the Commission's website. We believe that for a group previously unengaged in the Maine gubernatorial campaign to disseminate a text message would have required more than 24 hours to establish a vendor relationship, secure a texting platform, prepare the text copy and determine the voters to be targeted.

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

The campaign respectfully requests that the Commission determine whether the text messages disseminated by Vote Rise expressly advocating for a candidate violate 21-A MRSA § 1014 (5-A). Further, we ask that the Commission investigate whether any registration or reporting obligations apply to the entity responsible for these text messages. We urge the Commission to take immediate and appropriate action under Maine law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Newell A. Augur', written in a cursive style.

Newell A. Augur

Attachments

**+1 (541) 937-9804 ›**Text Message • SMS
Today 11:14 AM**Bellows, Jackson and Pingree Cross-Endorse for Governor**

Candidates Hannah Pingree, Shenna Bellows and Troy Jackson want you to vote for all three of them this upcoming Tuesday. Ranked Choice Voting allows you to rank candidates by preference.



The slate have been champions on issues such as marriage equality, labor issues and other progressive causes.



Stand with the slate for a better Maine. Troy Jackson, Hannah Pingree and Shenna Bellows have cross-endorsed each other in next week's Dem primary for Governor. Have a favorite? Rank them #1. Then rank the other two #2 and #3. That's how all three asked Mainers to vote, and it's how you make your ballot count next Tuesday, June 9th. Full story here: <https://vote-rise.com/meBN1?id=TRQU>
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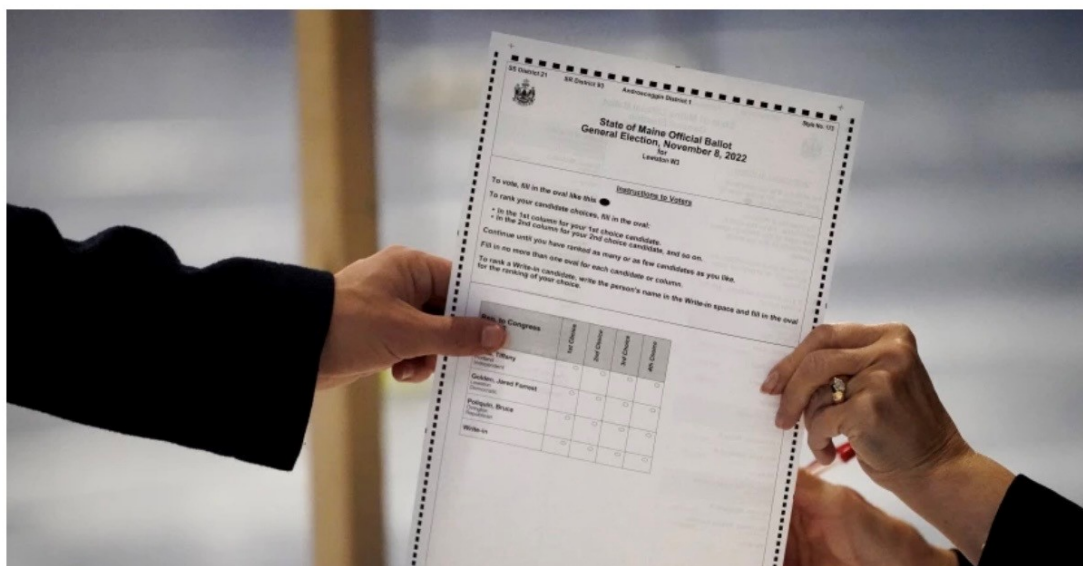
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The printing & delivery of *Experience Magazine's* June issue is delayed. Read it on-line [HERE](#).

Shenna Bellows, Troy Jackson and Hannah Pingree form ranked-choice alliance in gubernatorial primary

Maine Public | By [Kevin Miller](#)

Published May 22, 2026 at 4:42 PM EDT



Maine Public Radio
Radiolab



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EVERY CITIZEN NEEDS TO **EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE**

At VoteRise, we work to ensure that everyone has access to the tools and knowledge needed to participate in the electoral process.

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**YOUR VOICE MATTERS.
AND YOUR VOTE IS POWERFUL.**

WHY VOTE?

Voting is one of the most important ways to shape the future of your community and country. We promote non-partisan civic engagement by helping



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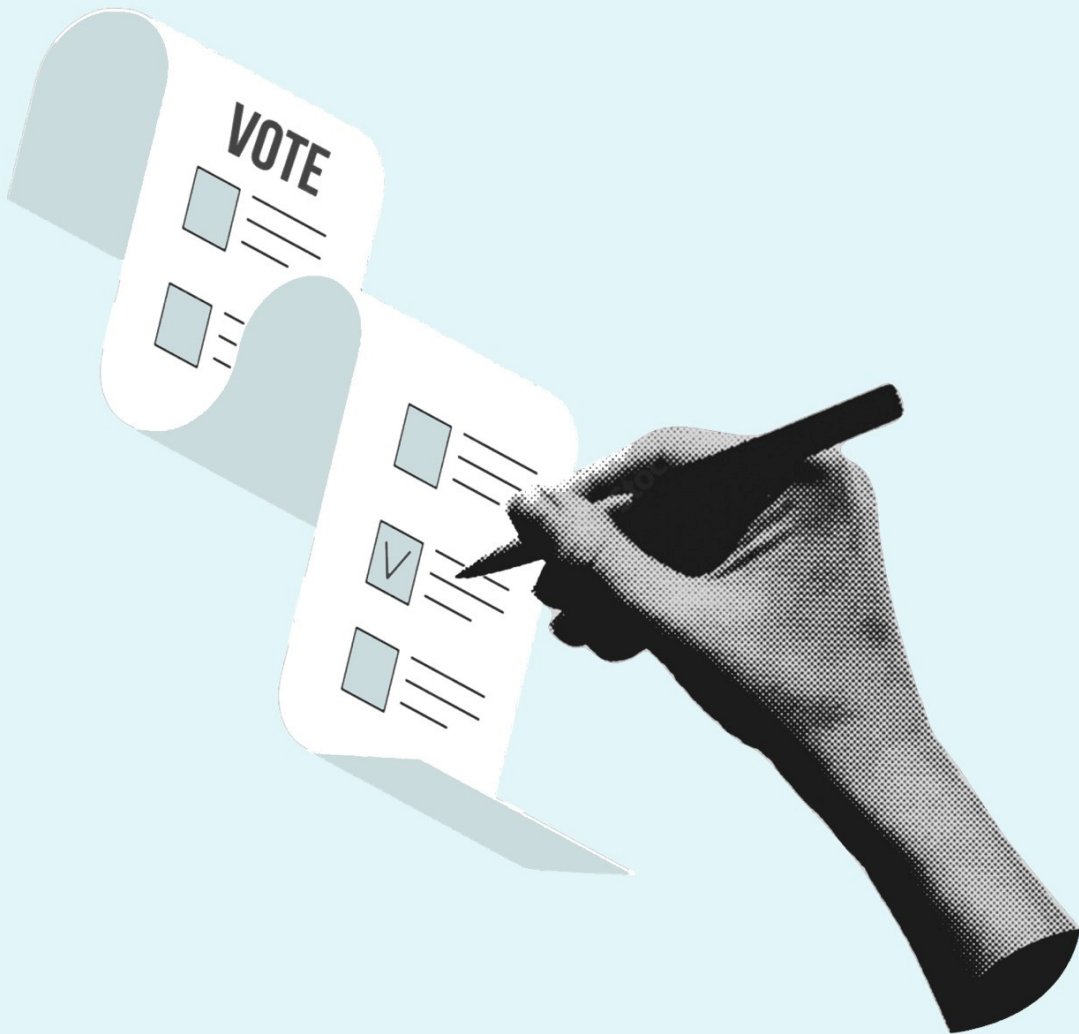


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WHY VOTE?

Voting is one of the most important ways to shape the future of your community and country. We promote non-partisan civic engagement by helping citizens understand the impact of their vote. When more people participate, our democracy becomes stronger, more inclusive, and more reflective of the people it serves.

LEARN MORE ↓





READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

We offer resources for voter registration, important election dates, and information on local, state, and national elections. Together, we can ensure that every eligible voter has the opportunity to participate in shaping our future.

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Johnny Appleseed

Email Address

myname@mydomain.com

Inquiry Type

General Question



Your Message

Type your message

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SUBMIT

**Paid for by Voterise. voterise.info Not
authorized by any candidate or candidate's
committee.**

WHOIS search results

Domain Information



Name	voterise.info
Registry	-
Domain ID	
Registered On	2024-10-04T19:52:15.517Z
Expires On	2026-10-04T19:52:15.517Z
Updated On	2025-09-09T04:27:46.128Z
Domain Status	client transfer prohibited
Name Servers	chloe.ns.cloudflare.com julio.ns.cloudflare.com

Registrant Contact



Name	DATA REDACTED
Organization	DATA REDACTED

Registrant Contact



Name	DATA REDACTED
Organization	DATA REDACTED
Phone	DATA REDACTED;ext=DATA REDACTED
Fax	DATA REDACTED;ext=DATA REDACTED
Email	https://domaincontact.registrar.cloudflare.com/voterise.info
Mailing Address	DATA REDACTED, DATA REDACTED, DATA REDACTED, IL, DATA REDACTED

Technical Contact



Name	DATA REDACTED
Organization	DATA REDACTED

Registrar Information



Name	Cloudflare, Inc.
IANA ID	1910
Abuse Contact Email	registrar- abuse@cloudflare.com
Abuse Contact Phone	+1.4153197517

DNSSEC Information



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Notice and Remarks

Terms of Service

Access to RDAP information is provided to assist persons in determining the contents of a domain name registration record in the registry database. The data in this record is provided by Identity Digital or, if the record pertains to a TLD not operated by Identity Digital, then the corresponding primary Registry Operator for informational purposes only, and neither Identity Digital nor the Registry Operator

From: Howie Stanger <howie@pocketbookstrategies.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 3:13 PM
To: Wayne, Jonathan <Jonathan.Wayne@maine.gov>; Dayne Lee
<dayne@movementlabs.com>
Subject: Follow Up from VoteRise

Dear Maine Ethics Commission,

I am the treasurer of Vote Rise, a hybrid committee registered with the FEC (C00890400).
We are an independent expenditure-only committee.

On Saturday June 6th, we sent voters a text message that were apart of Candidate Sha's
compliant. Our understanding is that we complied with Maine Ethics rules by including the
full name of the committee in the URL that was sent. After speaking with Commission staff,
we will include the phrase "Paid for by VoteRise" in any further communications that are
sent to Maine voters.

These are express advocacy messages. At this time VoteRise does not anticipate spending
more than \$1,000 per candidate or \$2,500 overall, such that it is required to register under
Maine campaign finance regulations.

We appreciate the Maine Ethics Commission for speaking with us and being responsive.

thanks,

Howie Stanger

Treasurer, Voterise

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Howie Stanger (he/they)

Founder & Director

310-929-0276



STATE OF MAINE
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June 9, 2026

By Email

Mr. Dayne Lee, Esq.

VoteRise

1110 N. Virgil Avenue, #375

Los Angeles, California 90029

Dear Mr. Lee,

At a meeting today, the Ethics Commission voted to investigate financial activities by VoteRise to influence Maine's Democratic primary election for Governor. The Commission would prefer to complete this matter at its meeting on June 24, 2026. Please provide the following information and documents by June 19, 2026. If that deadline is not feasible, this matter can be postponed to a later meeting of the Commission:

- 1) a list of all expenditures made for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates in the June 9, 2026 primary elections in Maine, including payor, payee, date, amount, and general description of purpose;
- 2) bank documentation for these payments (the Commission is required to keep these documents confidential under 21-A M.R.S. § 1003(3-A)); and
- 3) confirmation whether any of the expenditures were made at the request or suggestion of, or in consultation or cooperation with, any gubernatorial candidates, or their authorized campaign committees, or their agents.

As you know, the Commission's chair moved today to find VoteRise in violation of 21-A M.R.S. § 1014(5-A) and to assess a nominal \$100 penalty under § 1014(4). The Commission would welcome receiving any objections or comments from VoteRise on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Wayne".

Jonathan Wayne
Executive Director

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June 17, 2026

Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director
State of Maine
Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
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Delivered by email (jonathan.wayne@maine.gov)

Dear Mr. Wayne:

I serve as Counsel to VoteRise. VoteRise is a Hybrid PAC that was registered with the Federal Election Committee (#C00890400) on October 1, 2024.

In response to your **June 9, 2026 Request for Information**, VoteRise provides the following information (**Commission requests bolded**):

1) a list of all expenditures made for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates in the June 9, 2026 primary elections in Maine, including payor, payee, date, amount, and general description of purpose;

The following table includes a complete list of all expenditures made for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates in the June 9, 2026 Maine primary elections:

	Payor	Payee	Date	Amount	Description of Purpose
1	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/1/2026	\$33.33	Customer Support Fee for June 6-9 multi-candidate texting campaign for Shenna Bellows (Gub. Candidate)
2	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/1/2026	\$33.33	Customer Support Fee for June 6-9 multi-candidate texting campaign for Troy Jackson (Gub. Candidate)
3	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/1/2026	\$33.33	Customer Support Fee for June 6-9 multi-candidate texting campaign for Hannah Pingree (Gub. Candidate)
4	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/6/2026	\$235.26	Texting Campaign for Maine Gubernatorial Ranked

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					Choice Voting for Shenna Bellows
5	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/6/2026	\$235.26	Texting Campaign for Maine Gubernatorial Ranked Choice Voting for Troy Jackson
6	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/6/2026	\$235.26	Texting Campaign for Maine Gubernatorial Ranked Choice Voting for Hannah Pingree
7	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/8/2026	\$234.99	Texting Campaign for Maine Gubernatorial Ranked Choice Voting for Shenna Bellows
8	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/8/2026	\$234.99	Texting Campaign for Maine Gubernatorial Ranked Choice Voting for Troy Jackson
9	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/8/2026	\$234.99	Texting Campaign for Maine Gubernatorial Ranked Choice Voting for Hannah Pingree
10	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/9/2026	\$206.84	Texting Campaign for Maine Gubernatorial Ranked Choice Voting for Shenna Bellows
11	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/9/2026	\$206.84	Texting Campaign for Maine Gubernatorial Ranked Choice Voting for Troy Jackson
12	VoteRise	Movement Labs, LLC	6/9/2026	\$206.84	Texting Campaign for Maine Gubernatorial Ranked Choice Voting for Hannah Pingree
Total Expenditures for Shenna Bellows: \$677.09 Total Expenditures for Troy Jackson: \$677.09 Total Expenditures for Hannah Pingree: \$677.09 Total Expenditures: \$2,131.27					

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2) bank documentation for these payments (the Commission is required to keep these documents confidential under 21-A M.R.S. § 1003(3-A)); and

VoteRise has attached payment confirmation from Amalgamated Bank showing all payments made for the expenditures described in the answer to Request for Information 1 above. See **Exhibit 1** (June 16, 2026 Payment Confirmation from Amalgamated Bank).

3) confirmation whether any of the expenditures were made at the request or suggestion of, or in consultation or cooperation with, any gubernatorial candidates, or their authorized campaign committees, or their agents.

VoteRise did not make any of the expenditures listed in response to Request for Information 1 above, or any expenditure connected to an election in the State of Maine, at the request or suggestion of, or in consultation or cooperation with, any gubernatorial candidates, or their authorized campaign committees, or their agents.

The June 9, 2026 Request for Information noted that the Ethics Commission would welcome VoteRise's objections or comments on a finding that VoteRise violated 21-A M.R.S. §1014(5-A) and the assessment of a \$100 penalty. However, your June 10 email noted that the Commission chair withdrew this motion, so no penalty has been assessed.

VoteRise made a good faith effort to comply with 21-A M.R.S. §1014(5-A), and, upon learning that its disclosures were likely inadequate, immediately adjusted its disclosure in further communications. VoteRise asks that the Commission take this into account if it decides to assess a penalty.

I am available to answer any additional questions you or the Commission may have by phone (415-630-4216) or by email (daynelee@gmail.com).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Dayne Lee
Counsel
VoteRise

Cc: Howie Stanger, Treasurer

**FEC
FORM 3X****REPORT OF RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS**
For Other Than An Authorized Committee

Office Use Only

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) TYPE OR PRINT ▼ Example: If typing, type over the lines.

12FE4M5

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ADDRESS (number and street)

1110 N VIRGIL AVE

#375

Check if different
than previously
reported. (ACC)

LOS ANGELES

CA

90029

2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ▼

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

C C00890400

3. IS THIS
REPORTNEW
(N)

OR

AMENDED
(A)

4. TYPE OF REPORT

(Choose One)

(a) Quarterly Reports:

- ☐ April 15
Quarterly Report (Q1)
- ☒ July 15
Quarterly Report (Q2)
- ☐ October 15
Quarterly Report (Q3)
- ☐ January 31
Year-End Report (YE)
- ☐ July 31 Mid-Year
Report (Non-election
Year Only) (MY)
- ☐ Termination Report
(TER)

(b) Monthly
Report
Due On:

- ☐ Feb 20 (M2) ☐ May 20 (M5) ☐ Aug 20 (M8) ☐ Nov 20 (M11)
(Non-Election
Year Only)
- ☐ Mar 20 (M3) ☐ Jun 20 (M6) ☐ Sep 20 (M9) ☐ Dec 20 (M12)
(Non-Election
Year Only)
- ☐ Apr 20 (M4) ☐ Jul 20 (M7) ☐ Oct 20 (M10) ☐ Jan 31 (YE)

(c) 12-Day
PRE-Election
Report for the:

- ☐ Primary (12P) ☐ General (12G) ☐ Runoff (12R)
- ☐ Convention (12C) ☐ Special (12S)

Election on

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in the
State of(d) 30-Day
POST-Election
Report for the:

- ☐ General (30G) ☐ Runoff (30R) ☐ Special (30S)

Election on

M M M / D D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y

in the
State of

5. Covering Period

M M M / D D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y
04 01 2026

through

M M M / D D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y
06 30 2026

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer

Stanger, Howie, , ,

Signature of Treasurer

Stanger, Howie, , ,

Date

M M M / D D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y
07 15 2026

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 52 U.S.C. § 30109.

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SUMMARY PAGE OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

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Write or Type Committee Name

VOTERISE

Report Covering the Period: From: / / To: / /

	COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
6. (a) Cash on Hand January 1, 2026		40.09
(b) Cash on Hand at Beginning of Reporting Period.....	0.00	
(c) Total Receipts (from Line 19)	2149.43	2149.43
(d) Subtotal (add Lines 6(b) and 6(c) for Column A and Lines 6(a) and 6(c) for Column B).....	2149.43	2189.52
7. Total Disbursements (from Line 31)	2131.27	2171.36
8. Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (subtract Line 7 from Line 6(d))	18.16	18.16
9. Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	0.00	
10. Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	4608.34	



This committee has qualified as a multicandidate committee. (see FEC FORM 1M)

For further information, contact the Federal Election Commission at 800-424-9530 or visit www.fec.gov

DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE of Receipts

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Write or Type Committee Name

VOTERISE

Report Covering the Period:

From:

M	M	/	D	D	/	Y	Y	Y	Y
0	4		0	1		2	0	2	6

To:

M	M	/	D	D	/	Y	Y	Y	Y
0	6		3	0		2	0	2	6

I. Receipts	COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
11. Contributions (other than loans) From:		
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees		
(i) Itemized (use Schedule A).....	0.00	0.00
(ii) Unitemized	0.00	0.00
(iii) TOTAL (add Lines 11(a)(i) and (ii)).....▶	0.00	0.00
(b) Political Party Committees	0.00	0.00
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs).....	2131.27	2131.27
(d) Total Contributions (add Lines 11(a)(iii), (b), and (c)) (Carry Totals to Line 33, page 5)	2131.27	2131.27
12. Transfers From Affiliated/Other Party Committees.....	0.00	0.00
13. All Loans Received	0.00	0.00
14. Loan Repayments Received.....	0.00	0.00
15. Offsets To Operating Expenditures (Refunds, Rebates, etc.) (Carry Totals to Line 37, page 5).....	18.16	18.16
16. Refunds of Contributions Made to Federal Candidates and Other Political Committees.....	0.00	0.00
17. Other Federal Receipts (Dividends, Interest, etc.).....	0.00	0.00
18. Transfers from Non-Federal and Levin Funds		
(a) Non-Federal Account (from Schedule H3)	0.00	0.00
(b) Levin Funds (from Schedule H5)	0.00	0.00
(c) Total Transfers (add 18(a) and 18(b))..	0.00	0.00
19. Total Receipts (add Lines 11(d), 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18(c))	2149.43	2149.43
20. Total Federal Receipts (subtract Line 18(c) from Line 19)	2149.43	2149.43

DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE of Disbursements

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II. Disbursements	COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
21. Operating Expenditures:		
(a) Allocated Federal/Non-Federal Activity (from Schedule H4)		
(i) Federal Share	0.00	0.00
(ii) Non-Federal Share.....	0.00	0.00
(b) Other Federal Operating Expenditures	0.00	40.09
(c) Total Operating Expenditures (add 21(a)(i), (a)(ii), and (b))	0.00	40.09
22. Transfers to Affiliated/Other Party Committees.....	0.00	0.00
23. Contributions to Federal Candidates/Committees and Other Political Committees.....	0.00	0.00
24. Independent Expenditures (use Schedule E)	0.00	0.00
25. Coordinated Party Expenditures (52 U.S.C. § 30116(d)) (use Schedule F).....	0.00	0.00
26. Loan Repayments Made.....	0.00	0.00
27. Loans Made.....	0.00	0.00
28. Refunds of Contributions To:		
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees	0.00	0.00
(b) Political Party Committees	0.00	0.00
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs).....	0.00	0.00
(d) Total Contribution Refunds (add Lines 28(a), (b), and (c)).....	0.00	0.00
29. Other Disbursements (Including Non-Federal Donations).....	2131.27	2131.27
30. Federal Election Activity (52 U.S.C. § 30101(20))		
(a) Allocated Federal Election Activity (from Schedule H6)		
(i) Federal Share	0.00	0.00
(ii) "Levin" Share.....	0.00	0.00
(b) Federal Election Activity Paid Entirely With Federal Funds	0.00	0.00
(c) Total Federal Election Activity (add Lines 30(a)(i), 30(a)(ii) and 30(b))	0.00	0.00
31. Total Disbursements (add Lines 21(c), 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28(d), 29 and 30(c)) ..	2131.27	2171.36
32. Total Federal Disbursements (subtract Line 21(a)(ii) and Line 30(a)(ii) from Line 31).....	2131.27	2171.36

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of Disbursements

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III. Net Contributions/ Operating Expenditures	COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
33. Total Contributions (other than loans) (from Line 11(d), page 3)	2131.27	2131.27
34. Total Contribution Refunds (from Line 28(d))	0.00	0.00
35. Net Contributions (other than loans) (subtract Line 34 from Line 33)	2131.27	2131.27
36. Total Federal Operating Expenditures (add Line 21(a)(i) and Line 21(b))	0.00	40.09
37. Offsets to Operating Expenditures (from Line 15, page 3).....	18.16	18.16
38. Net Operating Expenditures (subtract Line 37 from Line 36)	- 18.16	21.93

SCHEDULE A (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED RECEIPTSUse separate schedule(s)
for each category of the
Detailed Summary PageFOR LINE NUMBER: PAGE 6 OF 14
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

VOTERISE

Full Name of Individual (Last, First, Middle Initial) or Full Organization Name

A. Building AmericaMailing Address 1110 N Virgil Ave
#375City
Los AngelesState
CAZip Code
90029FEC ID number of contributing
federal political committee.

C

C00890392

Name of Employer (for Individual)

Occupation (for Individual)

Receipt For:

☐ Primary ☐ General
☐ Other (specify) ▼

Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼

2131.27

Date of Receipt

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06 / 12 / 2026

Transaction ID : SA11C.4137

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

2131.27

☐ Memo Item

Full Name of Individual (Last, First, Middle Initial) or Full Organization Name

B.

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

FEC ID number of contributing
federal political committee.

C

Name of Employer (for Individual)

Occupation (for Individual)

Receipt For:

☐ Primary ☐ General
☐ Other (specify) ▼

Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼

Date of Receipt

M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

☐ Memo Item

Full Name of Individual (Last, First, Middle Initial) or Full Organization Name

C.

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

FEC ID number of contributing
federal political committee.

C

Name of Employer (for Individual)

Occupation (for Individual)

Receipt For:

☐ Primary ☐ General
☐ Other (specify)

Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼

Date of Receipt

M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

☐ Memo Item

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)..... ►

2131.27

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)..... ►

2131.27

SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTSUse separate schedule(s)
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

VOTERISE

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

A. Movement Labs, LLCMailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave
Ste B PMB 31638City
ChicagoState
ILZip Code
60612

Purpose of Disbursement

Text Messaging - Non Federal Independent Expenditure

Candidate Name

Office Sought:

☐ House
☐ Senate
☐ President

Disbursement For:

☐ Primary ☐ General
☐ Other (specify) ▼

State:

District:

Category/
Type

Date of Disbursement

M	M	M	/	D	D	D	/	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
0	6			1	6			2	0	2	6		

FEC Identification Number

C**Transaction ID : SB29.4138**

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

2131.27

☐ Memo Item

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

B.

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Purpose of Disbursement

Candidate Name

Office Sought:

☐ House
☐ Senate
☐ President

Disbursement For:

☐ Primary ☐ General
☐ Other (specify)

State:

District:

Category/
Type

Date of Disbursement

M	M	M	/	D	D	D	/	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

FEC Identification Number

C

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

☐ Memo Item

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

C.

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Purpose of Disbursement

Candidate Name

Office Sought:

☐ House
☐ Senate
☐ President

Disbursement For:

☐ Primary ☐ General
☐ Other (specify) ▼

State:

District:

Category/
Type

Date of Disbursement

M	M	M	/	D	D	D	/	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

FEC Identification Number

C

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

☐ Memo Item**SUBTOTAL** of Disbursements This Page (optional).....▶

2131.27

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only).....▶

2131.27

SCHEDULE D (FEC Form 3X)**DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS****Excluding Loans**(Use separate
schedule(s)
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

VOTERISE

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) of Debtor or Creditor

Movement Labs, LLC

Nature of Debt (Purpose):

Text Messaging

Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave
Ste B PMB 31638City
ChicagoState
ILZip Code
60612

Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period

0.00

Transaction ID : SD10.4153

Amount Incurred This Period

315.67

Payment This Period

0.00

Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period

315.67

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) of Debtor or Creditor

Movement Labs, LLC

Nature of Debt (Purpose):

Text Messaging

Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave
Ste B PMB 31638City
ChicagoState
ILZip Code
60612

Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period

0.00

Transaction ID : SD10.4154

Amount Incurred This Period

895.37

Payment This Period

0.00

Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period

895.37

C. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) of Debtor or Creditor

Movement Labs, LLC

Nature of Debt (Purpose):

Text Messaging

Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave
Ste B PMB 31638City
ChicagoState
ILZip Code
60612

Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period

0.00

Transaction ID : SD10.4155

Amount Incurred This Period

557.45

Payment This Period

0.00

Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period

557.45

1) **SUBTOTALS** This Period This Page (optional)..... ►

1768.49

2) **TOTALS** This Period (last page this line number only)..... ►3) **TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS** from Schedule C (last page only) ►4) **ADD 2) and 3)** and carry forward to appropriate line of Summary Page (last page only) ►

SCHEDULE D (FEC Form 3X)**DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS****Excluding Loans**(Use separate
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

VOTERISE

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) of Debtor or Creditor

Movement Labs, LLC

Nature of Debt (Purpose):

Text Messaging

Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave
Ste B PMB 31638City
ChicagoState
ILZip Code
60612

Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period

0.00

Transaction ID : SD10.4156

Amount Incurred This Period

457.75

Payment This Period

0.00

Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period

457.75

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) of Debtor or Creditor

Movement Labs, LLC

Nature of Debt (Purpose):

Text Messaging

Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave
Ste B PMB 31638City
ChicagoState
ILZip Code
60612

Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period

0.00

Transaction ID : SD10.4161

Amount Incurred This Period

193.30

Payment This Period

0.00

Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period

193.30

C. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) of Debtor or Creditor

Movement Labs, LLC

Nature of Debt (Purpose):

Text Messaging

Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave
Ste B PMB 31638City
ChicagoState
ILZip Code
60612

Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period

0.00

Transaction ID : SD10.4162

Amount Incurred This Period

416.74

Payment This Period

0.00

Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period

416.74

1) SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (optional)..... ►

1067.79

2) TOTALS This Period (last page this line number only)..... ►

3) TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS from Schedule C (last page only) ►

4) ADD 2) and 3) and carry forward to appropriate line of Summary Page (last page only) ►

SCHEDULE D (FEC Form 3X)**DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS****Excluding Loans**(Use separate
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for each
numbered line)

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

VOTERISE

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) of Debtor or Creditor

Movement Labs, LLC

Nature of Debt (Purpose):

Text Messaging

Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave
Ste B PMB 31638City
ChicagoState
ILZip Code
60612

Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period

0.00

Transaction ID : SD10.4163

Amount Incurred This Period

594.99

Payment This Period

0.00

Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period

594.99

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) of Debtor or Creditor

Movement Labs, LLC

Nature of Debt (Purpose):

Text Messaging

Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave
Ste B PMB 31638City
ChicagoState
ILZip Code
60612

Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period

0.00

Transaction ID : SD10.4164

Amount Incurred This Period

1177.07

Payment This Period

0.00

Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period

1177.07

C. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) of Debtor or Creditor

Nature of Debt (Purpose):

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Outstanding Balance Beginning This Period

Amount Incurred This Period

Payment This Period

Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period

1) SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (optional)..... ►

1772.06

2) TOTALS This Period (last page this line number only)..... ►

4608.34

3) TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS from Schedule C (last page only) ►

0.00

4) ADD 2) and 3) and carry forward to appropriate line of Summary Page (last page only) ►

4608.34

SCHEDULE E (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full) VOTERISE				FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ▼ C C00890400	
Check if ☐ 24-hour report ☐ 48-hour report				New report Amends report filed on M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y	
Full Name of Payee Movement Labs, LLC			☒ Memo Item		Date of Public Distribution/Dissemination M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y 06 / 12 / 2026
Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave Ste B PMB 31638			Amount 457.75		Transaction ID : SE.4142
City Chicago	State IL	Zip Code 60612			
Purpose of Expenditure Text Messaging			Category/ Type 		Date of Disbursement or Obligation M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y
Name of Federal Candidate: Martin, Trey, , ,			☒ Support ☐ Oppose		Office Sought: ☒ House District: 05 ☐ President ☐ Senate State: OK
Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought			0.00		Disbursement For: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify) ▶
Full Name of Payee Movement Labs, LLC			☒ Memo Item		Date of Public Distribution/Dissemination M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y 06 / 14 / 2026
Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave Ste B PMB 31638			Amount 193.30		Transaction ID : SE.4143
City Chicago	State IL	Zip Code 60612			
Purpose of Expenditure Text Messaging			Category/ Type 		Date of Disbursement or Obligation M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y
Name of Federal Candidate: Martin, Trey, , ,			☒ Support ☐ Oppose		Office Sought: ☒ House District: 05 ☐ President ☐ Senate State: OK
Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought			0.00		Disbursement For: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify) ▶
(a) SUBTOTAL of Itemized Independent Expenditures					0.00
(b) SUBTOTAL of Unitemized Independent Expenditures.....					
(c) TOTAL Independent Expenditures					
Under penalty of perjury I certify that the independent expenditures reported herein were not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or authorized committee or agent of either, or (if the reporting entity is not a political party committee) any political party committee or its agent.					
Signature Stanger, Howie, , ,				Date M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y 07 / 15 / 2026	

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full) VOTERISE			FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ▼ C C00890400	
Check if ☐ 24-hour report ☐ 48-hour report ▶ New report Amends report filed on M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y				
Full Name of Payee Movement Labs, LLC			☒ Memo Item Date of Public Distribution/Dissemination M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y	
Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave Ste B PMB 31638			Amount 416.74	
City Chicago	State IL	Zip Code 60612	Transaction ID : SE.4144 Date of Disbursement or Obligation M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y	
Purpose of Expenditure Text Messaging		Category/ Type		
Name of Federal Candidate: Martin, Trey, , ,			☒ Support Office Sought: ☒ House District: 05 ☐ Oppose ☐ President ☐ Senate State: OK	
Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought 0.00			Disbursement For: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify) ▶	
Full Name of Payee Movement Labs, LLC			☒ Memo Item Date of Public Distribution/Dissemination M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y	
Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave Ste B PMB 31638			Amount 594.99	
City Chicago	State IL	Zip Code 60612	Transaction ID : SE.4145 Date of Disbursement or Obligation M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y	
Purpose of Expenditure Text Messaging		Category/ Type		
Name of Federal Candidate: Martin, Trey, , ,			☒ Support Office Sought: ☒ House District: 05 ☐ Oppose ☐ President ☐ Senate State: OK	
Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought 0.00			Disbursement For: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify) ▶	
(a) SUBTOTAL of Itemized Independent Expenditures			0.00	
(b) SUBTOTAL of Unitemized Independent Expenditures.....				
(c) TOTAL Independent Expenditures				
Under penalty of perjury I certify that the independent expenditures reported herein were not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or authorized committee or agent of either, or (if the reporting entity is not a political party committee) any political party committee or its agent.				
Signature <u>Stanger, Howie, , ,</u>			Date M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y	

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ITEMIZED INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURESPAGE 13 OF 14
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full) VOTERISE			FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ▼ C C00890400	
Check if ☐ 24-hour report ☐ 48-hour report ▶ New report Amends report filed on M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y				
Full Name of Payee Movement Labs, LLC			☒ Memo Item Date of Public Distribution/Dissemination M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y 06 / 16 / 2026	
Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave Ste B PMB 31638			Amount 1177.07	
City Chicago	State IL	Zip Code 60612	Transaction ID : SE.4148 Date of Disbursement or Obligation M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y	
Purpose of Expenditure Text Messaging		Category/ Type		
Name of Federal Candidate: Martin, Trey, , ,			☒ Support Office Sought: ☒ House District: 05 ☐ Oppose ☐ President ☐ Senate State: OK	
Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought 0.00			Disbursement For: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify) ▶	
Full Name of Payee Movement Labs, LLC			☒ Memo Item Date of Public Distribution/Dissemination M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y 05 / 31 / 2026	
Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave Ste B PMB 31638			Amount 315.67	
City Chicago	State IL	Zip Code 60612	Transaction ID : SE.4150 Date of Disbursement or Obligation M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y	
Purpose of Expenditure Text Messaging		Category/ Type		
Name of Federal Candidate: Bankhead, Alani Ines, , ,			☒ Support Office Sought: ☐ House District: ☐ Oppose ☐ President ☒ Senate State: MT	
Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought 0.00			Disbursement For: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify) ▶	
(a) SUBTOTAL of Itemized Independent Expenditures			0.00	
(b) SUBTOTAL of Unitemized Independent Expenditures.....				
(c) TOTAL Independent Expenditures				
Under penalty of perjury I certify that the independent expenditures reported herein were not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or authorized committee or agent of either, or (if the reporting entity is not a political party committee) any political party committee or its agent.				
Signature <u>Stanger, Howie, , ,</u>			Date M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y 07 / 15 / 2026	

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full) VOTERISE			FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ▼ C C00890400	
Check if ☐ 24-hour report ☐ 48-hour report New report Amends report filed on M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y				
Full Name of Payee Movement Labs, LLC			☒ Memo Item Date of Public Distribution/Dissemination M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y 06 / 01 / 2026	
Mailing Address 2045 W Grand Ave Ste B PMB 31638			Amount 895.37	
City Chicago	State IL	Zip Code 60612	Transaction ID : SE.4151 Date of Disbursement or Obligation M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y	
Purpose of Expenditure Text Messaging		Category/ Type		
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Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought 0.00			Disbursement For: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify) ▶ _____	
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Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought 0.00			Disbursement For: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify) ▶ _____	
(a) SUBTOTAL of Itemized Independent Expenditures			0.00	
(b) SUBTOTAL of Unitemized Independent Expenditures.....				
(c) TOTAL Independent Expenditures			0.00	
Under penalty of perjury I certify that the independent expenditures reported herein were not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or authorized committee or agent of either, or (if the reporting entity is not a political party committee) any political party committee or its agent.				
Signature <u>Stanger, Howie, , ,</u>			Date M M / D D / Y Y Y Y Y Y 07 / 15 / 2026	

21-A M.R.S. § 1014. Publication or distribution of political public communications

1. Authorized by candidate. Whenever a person makes an expenditure to finance a public communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, the public communication, if authorized by a candidate, a candidate's authorized political committee or a candidate's or a candidate's authorized political committee's agents, must clearly and conspicuously state that the public communication has been so authorized and must clearly state the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the public communication. A public communication financed by a candidate or the candidate's committee is not required to state the address of the candidate or committee that financed the public communication. If a public communication that is financed by someone other than the candidate or the candidate's authorized committee is broadcast by radio, only the city and state of the address of the person who financed the public communication must be stated.

2. Not authorized by candidate. If a public communication described in subsection 1 is not authorized by a candidate, a candidate's authorized political committee or a candidate's or a candidate's authorized political committee's agents, the public communication must clearly and conspicuously state that the public communication is not authorized by any candidate and state the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the public communication, except that a public communication broadcast by radio is only required to state the city and state of the address of the person that financed the public communication. If the public communication is in written form, the public communication must contain at the bottom of the public communication in print that is no smaller in size than 12-point bold print, Times New Roman font, the words "NOT PAID FOR OR AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE."

2-A. Other public communications. Whenever a person makes an expenditure to finance a public communication that names or depicts a clearly identified candidate and that is disseminated during the 28 days, including election day, before a primary election, during the 35 days, including election day, before a special election or during the period of time from Labor Day to the election day for a general election, the public communication must state the name and address of the person who made or financed the public communication and a statement that the public communication was or was not authorized by the candidate, except that a public communication broadcast by radio is only required to state the city and state of the address of the person that financed the public communication. The disclosure is not required if the public communication was not made for the purpose of influencing the candidate's nomination for election or election.

2-B. Top 3 funders; independent expenditures. A public communication that is funded by an entity making an independent expenditure as defined in section 1019-B, subsection 1 must conspicuously include the following statement:

“The top 3 funders of (name of entity that made the independent expenditure) are (names of top 3 funders).”

The information required by this subsection may appear simultaneously with any statement required by subsection 2 or 2-A. A public communication that contains a visual aspect must include the statement in written text. A public communication that does not contain a visual aspect must include an audible statement. This statement is required only for public communications made through broadcast, cable or satellite systems; Internet audio and video programming; direct mail; or newspaper or other periodical publications.

A broadcast, cable or satellite television communication or Internet video communication must include both an audible and a written statement. For a broadcast, cable or satellite television communication or Internet video communication 60 seconds or less in duration, the audible statement may be omitted.

The top funders named in the required statement consist of the funders providing the highest dollar amount of funding to the entity making the independent expenditure since the day following the most recent general election day.

A. For purposes of this subsection, “funder” includes:

- (1)** Any entity that has made a contribution as defined in section 1052, subsection 3 to the entity making the independent expenditure since the day following the most recent general election day; and
- (2)** Any entity that has given a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value, except for transactions in which a fair value is given in return, since the day following the most recent general election day.

B. If funders have given equal amounts, creating a tie in the ranking of the top 3 funders, the tie must be broken by naming the tying funders in chronological order of the receipt of funding until 3 funders are included in the statement. If the chronological order cannot be discerned, the entity making the independent expenditure may choose which of the tying funders to include in the statement. A public communication may not be required to include the names of more than 3 funders.

C. The statement required under this subsection is not required to include the name of any funder who has provided less than \$1,000 to the entity making the independent expenditure since the day following the most recent general election day.

D. If only one or 2 funders must be included pursuant to this subsection, the public communication must identify the number of funders as “top funder” or “top 2 funders” as appropriate. If there are no funders required to be included under this subsection, no statement is required.

E. When compiling the list of top funders, an entity making an independent expenditure may disregard any funds that the entity can show were used for purposes unrelated to the candidate mentioned in the public communication on the basis that

funds were either spent in the order received or were strictly segregated in other accounts.

F. The statement required under this subsection is not required in any public communication consisting of an audio broadcast of 60 seconds or less or a print communication of 20 square inches or less.

G. If the list of funders changes during the period in which a recurring public communication is aired or published, the statement appearing in the public communication must be updated at the time that any additional payments are made for that public communication.

H. The commission may establish by routine technical rule, adopted in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, forms and procedures for ensuring compliance with this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph must ensure that the information required by this subsection is effectively conveyed for a sufficient duration and in a sufficient font size or screen size when applicable without undue burden on the ability of the entity to make the public communication. The rules must also provide an exemption for types of public communications for which the required statement would be impossible or impose an unusual hardship due to the unique format or medium of the public communication.

3. Broadcasting prohibited without disclosure. Except as provided in subsection 5-C, paragraph C, a person operating a broadcast, cable or satellite system within this State may not broadcast any public communication, as described in subsections 1 to 2-A, without an oral or written visual announcement of each disclosure required by this section.

3-A. In-kind contributions of printed materials. A candidate, political committee or political action committee shall report on the campaign finance report as a contribution to the candidate, political committee or political action committee any contributions of in-kind printed materials to be used in the support of a candidate or in the support or defeat of a ballot question. Any in-kind contributions of printed materials used or distributed by a candidate, political committee or political action committee must include the name or title of that candidate, political committee or political action committee as the authorizing agent for the printing and distribution of the in-kind contribution.

3-B. Newspapers. Except as provided in subsection 5-C, paragraph C, a newspaper may not publish a public communication described in subsections 1 to 2-A without including each disclosure required by this section. For purposes of this subsection, “newspaper” includes any printed material intended for general circulation or to be read by the general public, including a version of the newspaper displayed on a website owned or operated by the newspaper. When necessary, a newspaper may seek the advice of the commission regarding whether or not a communication requires the disclosure.

4. Enforcement. A violation of this section may result in a civil penalty of no more than 100% of the amount of the expenditure in violation, except that a violation of subsection

5-C may result in a civil penalty of no more than 500% of the amount of the expenditure in violation and except that an expenditure for yard signs lacking the required information may result in a maximum civil penalty of \$200. In assessing a civil penalty, the commission shall consider, among other things, how widely the public communication was disseminated, whether the violation was intentional, whether the violation occurred as the result of an error by a printer or other paid vendor and whether the public communication conceals or misrepresents the identity of the person who financed it. If the person who financed the public communication or who committed the violation corrects the violation within 10 days after receiving notification of the violation from the commission by adding the missing information to the public communication, the commission may, except for a violation of subsection 5-C, decide to assess no civil penalty.

5. Telephone calls. [2025, ch. 224, § 7 (RP).]

5-A. Text messages. Text messages sent with the assistance of mass distribution technology that is paid for by a person must clearly and conspicuously state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure if:

- A.** The text message expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate; or
- B.** The text message contains a link to a website that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate.

5-B. Websites of candidate or political committee. A website or other Internet application available to the general public that is established by a party committee or a person that is required to register with the commission as a candidate or political action committee and that expressly advocates for the election or defeat of a candidate or that names a clearly identified candidate during the 28 days, including election day, before a primary election, during the 35 days, including election day, before a special election or during the period of time from Labor Day to the election day for a general election must state the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the website or other Internet application and state that the website or other Internet application was or was not authorized by the candidate.

5-C. Use of synthetic media. Whenever a public communication that requires a disclosure under subsections 1, 2, 2-A or 2-B contains synthetic media, the public communication must include, in addition to any other required disclosure, the words “THIS COMMUNICATION CONTAINS AUDIO, VIDEO AND/OR IMAGES THAT HAVE BEEN MANIPULATED OR ALTERED.” The commission shall adopt rules regarding the manner, size and placement of the disclosure required under this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

- A.** For purposes of this subsection, “synthetic media” means an image, an audio recording or a video recording depicting a candidate’s appearance, speech or conduct that:

- (1) In a manner that is likely to deceive a reasonable person, depicts the candidate saying or doing something that the candidate did not say or do; or
- (2) Has been manipulated or altered in a manner that is likely to provide a reasonable person with a materially different understanding or impression of the candidate's appearance, action or speech than a reasonable person would have from an unaltered, original version of the image, audio recording or video recording.

B. For purposes of this subsection, "synthetic media" does not include:

- (1) An image, an audio recording or a video recording depicting a candidate's appearance, speech or conduct that has been modified to improve audio, video or image clarity, to add captions or to highlight a specific section of the image, audio recording or video recording as long as the modification does not create a materially different understanding or impression of the candidate's appearance, action or speech than a reasonable person would have from an unaltered, original version of the image, audio recording or video recording; or
- (2) Satire or parody.

C. A person operating a broadcast, cable or satellite system within the State that broadcasts a public communication does not violate this subsection and a newspaper that publishes a public communication does not violate this subsection unless the broadcaster broadcasts or newspaper publishes a paid public communication with actual knowledge that the public communication contains synthetic media. The broadcaster's or newspaper's receipt of an allegation made by a 3rd party that a public communication contains synthetic media does not, by itself, constitute actual knowledge by the broadcaster or newspaper that the public communication contains synthetic media. For purposes of this paragraph, "newspaper" has the same meaning as in subsection 3-B.

D. The commission shall notify the Office of the Attorney General if a person who is in violation of this subsection does not cease violating this subsection after being notified of the violation by the commission or if the commission is unable for any reason to notify a person that the person is in violation of this subsection. The Attorney General may bring a civil action in the Superior Court of Kennebec County for injunctive or other appropriate equitable relief requiring the person to comply with this subsection. An action under this paragraph may be combined with an action under section 1004-B for the purposes of the enforcement of penalties assessed by the commission. If the Attorney General prevails in an action under this paragraph, the court may award to the Attorney General the costs of the action together with reasonable attorney's fees as determined by the court.

E. This subsection may not be construed to prohibit or limit any other cause of action that a person may have against a person who violates this subsection.

6. Exclusions. The requirements of this section do not apply to:

- A.** Handbills or other literature produced and distributed at a cost not exceeding \$100 and prepared by one or more individuals who are not required to register or file campaign finance reports with the commission and who are acting independently of and without authorization by a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee or an agent of a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee;
- B.** Campaign signs produced and distributed at a cost not exceeding \$100, paid for by one or more individuals who are not required to register or file campaign finance reports with the commission and who are acting independently of and without authorization by a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee or an agent of a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee;
- C.** Internet and e-mail activities costing less than \$100, as excluded by rule of the commission, paid for by one or more individuals who are not required to register or file campaign finance reports with the commission and who are acting independently of and without authorization by a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee or an agent of a candidate, candidate's authorized campaign committee, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee;
- D.** Public communications in which the name or address of the person who made or authorized the expenditure for the public communication would be so small as to be illegible or infeasible, including public communications on items such as ashtrays, badges and badge holders, balloons, campaign buttons, clothing, coasters, combs, emery boards, envelopes, erasers, glasses, key rings, letter openers, matchbooks, nail files, noisemakers, paper and plastic cups, pencils, pens, plastic tableware, 12-inch or shorter rulers, swizzle sticks, tickets to fundraisers and similar items determined by the commission to be too small and unnecessary for the disclosures required by this section and in electronic media advertisements where compliance with this section would be impractical due to size or character limitations;
- E.** Campaign signs that are financed by the candidate or candidate's authorized committee and that clearly identify the name of the candidate and are lettered or printed individually by hand;
- F.** Prerecorded automated telephone calls paid for by the candidate that use the candidate's voice in the telephone call and that are made in support of that candidate; and
- G.** Telephone surveys that meet generally accepted standards for polling research and that are not conducted for the purpose of influencing the voting position of call recipients.

21-A M.R.S. § 1019-B. Reports of independent expenditures

1. Independent expenditures; definition. For the purposes of this section, an “independent expenditure” means any expenditure made by a person, party committee or political action committee that is not made in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate’s authorized political committee or an agent of either and that:

A. Is made to design, produce or disseminate any public communication that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate; or

B. Unless the person, party committee or political action committee making the expenditure demonstrates under subsection 2 that the expenditure did not have a purpose or effect of influencing the nomination, election or defeat of the candidate, is made to design, produce or disseminate a public communication that names or depicts a clearly identified candidate and is disseminated during the 28 days, including election day, before a primary election; during the 35 days, including election day, before a special election; or from Labor Day to a general election day.

2. Commission determination. A person, party committee or political action committee may request a determination that an expenditure that otherwise meets the definition of an independent expenditure under subsection 1, paragraph B is not an independent expenditure by filing a signed written statement with the commission within 7 days of disseminating the communication stating that the cost was not incurred with a purpose of influencing the nomination, election or defeat of a candidate, supported by any additional evidence the person, party committee or political action committee chooses to submit. The commission may gather any additional evidence it determines relevant and material. The commission shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether the cost was incurred with a purpose of, or had the effect of, influencing the nomination, election or defeat of a candidate. In order to make this determination, the commission shall consider whether the language and other elements of the communication would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the communication had a purpose of, or had the effect of, influencing an election. The commission may consider other factors, including, but not limited to, the timing of the communication, the recipients of the communication or, if the communication is a digital communication, any links to publicly accessible websites related to the nomination, election or defeat of a candidate. The commission’s executive director shall make an initial determination on the request, which must be posted on the commission’s publicly accessible website. Any person may appeal the initial determination, which must be considered by the commission at the next public meeting that is feasible.

3. Report required; content; rules. [2009, ch. 524, § 6 (RPR); MRSA T. 21-A § 1019-B, sub-§3 (RP).]

4. Report required; content; rules. A person, party committee or political action committee that makes any independent expenditure in excess of \$1,000 during any one candidate's election shall file a report with the commission. In the case of a municipal election, the report must be filed with the municipal clerk.

A. A report required by this subsection must be filed with the commission according to a reporting schedule that the commission shall establish by rule that takes into consideration existing campaign finance reporting requirements. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

B. A report required by this subsection must contain an itemized account of the total contributions from each contributor, each expenditure in excess of \$1,000 in any one candidate's election, the date and purpose of each expenditure and the name of each payee or creditor. The report must state whether the expenditure is in support of or in opposition to the candidate and must include, under penalty of unsworn falsification, as provided in Title 17-A, section 453, a statement whether the expenditure is made in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, the candidate or an authorized committee or agent of the candidate.

C. A report required by this subsection must be on a form prescribed and prepared by the commission. A person filing this report may use additional pages if necessary, but the pages must be the same size as the pages of the form. The commission may adopt procedures requiring the electronic filing of an independent expenditure report, as long as the commission adopts an exception for persons who lack access to the required technology or the technological ability to file reports electronically.

5. Exclusions. An independent expenditure does not include:

A. [2021, ch. 132, § 9 (RP).]

B. A telephone survey that meets generally accepted standards for polling research and that is not conducted for the purpose of changing the voting position of the call recipients or discouraging them from voting;

C. A telephone call naming a clearly identified candidate that identifies an individual's position on a candidate, ballot question or political party for the purpose of encouraging the individual to vote, as long as the call contains no advocacy for or against any candidate; and

D. A voter guide that consists primarily of candidates' responses to surveys and questionnaires and that contains no advocacy for or against any candidate.

6. Segregated contributions required. A political action committee may use only funds received in compliance with section 1015, subsection 2-C or 2-D when making independent expenditures. A political action committee that makes independent expenditures shall keep an account of any contributions received for the purpose of making those expenditures.

21-A M.R.S. § 1052. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Campaign. “Campaign” means any course of activities to influence the nomination or election of a candidate or to initiate or influence any of the following ballot measures:

- A.** A people’s veto referendum under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 17;
- B.** A direct initiative of legislation under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18;
- C.** An amendment to the Constitution of Maine under Article X, Section 4;
- D.** A referendum vote on a measure enacted by the Legislature and expressly conditioned upon ratification by a referendum vote under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 19;
- E.** The ratification of the issue of bonds by the State or any agency thereof; and
- F.** Any county or municipal referendum.

2. Committee. “Committee” means any political action committee or ballot question committee and includes any agent of a political action committee or ballot question committee.

2-A. Ballot question committee. “Ballot question committee” means a person that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$5,000 for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign, other than a campaign for the nomination or election of a candidate. The term “ballot question committee” does not include a party committee, an exempt donor or a political action committee not required to register as a ballot question committee under section 1052-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph A.

3. Contribution. “Contribution” includes:

A. A gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value made to or received by a committee for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign, including but not limited to:

- (1)** Funds that the contributor specified were given, in whole or in part, in connection with a campaign;
- (2)** Funds provided in response to a solicitation that would lead the contributor to believe that the funds would be used specifically, in whole or in part, for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign; and

(3) Funds that can reasonably be determined to have been provided by the contributor for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign when viewed in the context of the contribution and the recipient committee's activities regarding a campaign;

A-1. Any funds deposited or transferred into the campaign account described in section 1054;

B. [2025, ch. 224, § 17 (RP).]

C. Any funds received by a committee that are to be transferred to any candidate, committee, campaign or organization for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign; or

D. The payment, by any person or organization, of compensation for the personal services of other persons provided to a committee that is used by the committee to initiate or influence a campaign.

"Contribution" does not include a loan of money by a financial institution made in accordance with applicable banking laws and regulations and in the ordinary course of business.

3-A. Exempt donor. "Exempt donor" means a person that has not received contributions for the purpose of influencing a campaign in the prior 2 years and whose only payments of money to influence a campaign in the prior 2 years are:

A. Contributions of money to candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees registered with the commission or a municipality; or

B. Payments for goods or services with an aggregate value of no more than \$100,000 contributed to candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees registered with the commission or a municipality.

4. Expenditure. The term "expenditure":

A. Includes:

(1) A purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or gift of money or anything of value, made for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign;

(1-A) Any purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or gift of money made from the campaign account described in section 1054;

(2) A contract, promise or agreement, expressed or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make any expenditure for the purposes set forth in this paragraph; and

(3) The transfer of funds by a political action committee to another candidate or political committee; and

B. Does not include:

- (1) Any news story, commentary or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, cable television system, newspaper, magazine or other periodical publication, unless these facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, candidate or the spouse or domestic partner of a candidate;
- (2) Activity designed to encourage individuals to register to vote or to vote, if that activity or communication does not mention a clearly identified candidate;
- (3) Any communication by any membership organization or corporation to its members or stockholders, if that membership organization or corporation is not organized primarily for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any person to state or county office;
- (4) The use of real or personal property and the cost of invitations, food and beverages, voluntarily provided by a political action committee in rendering voluntary personal services for candidate-related activities, if the cumulative value of these activities by the political action committee on behalf of any candidate does not exceed \$250 with respect to any election;
- (5) Any unreimbursed travel expenses incurred and paid for by a political action committee that volunteers personal services to a candidate, if the cumulative amount of these expenses does not exceed \$100 with respect to any election;
- (6) Any communication by a committee that is not made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any person to state or county office; and
- (7) Any payments to initiate a people's veto referendum or the direct initiative of legislation made prior to the submission of an application to the Department of the Secretary of State as provided in section 901.

4-A. Influence. "Influence" means to promote, support, oppose or defeat.

4-B. Initiate. "Initiate" includes the collection of signatures on petitions and related activities to qualify a state or local initiative or referendum for the ballot.

4-C. Leadership political action committee. [2023, ch. 244, § 11 (RP).]

5. Political action committee. The term “political action committee”:

A. Includes:

(1) Any separate or segregated fund established by any corporation, membership organization, cooperative or labor or other organization that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating more than \$2,500 in a calendar year for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate to political office; and

(5) Any person, including any corporation or association, other than an individual, that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating more than \$2,500 in a calendar year for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any candidate to political office; and

B. Does not include:

(1) A candidate or a candidate’s treasurer under section 1013-A, subsection 1;

(2) A candidate’s authorized political committee under section 1013-A, subsection 1, paragraph B;

(3) A party committee under section 1013-A, subsection 3; or

(4) An exempt donor.

6. Separate segregated fund committee. [2023, ch. 244, § 12 (RP).]

21-A M.R.S. § 1053-B. Out-of-state committees

An organization that is registered as a political action committee, ballot question committee or political committee with the Federal Election Commission or a jurisdiction outside of this State shall register and file reports with the commission in accordance with this subchapter upon receiving contributions or making expenditures to initiate or influence a campaign in the State in excess of the amounts that would require registration under section 1052-A. The committee is not required to register and file reports if the committee’s only financial activity within the State is to make contributions to candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees registered with the commission or a municipality and the committee has not raised and accepted any contributions during the calendar year to influence a campaign in this State.

94-270 CODE OF MAINE RULES

CHAPTER 1. PROCEDURES

SUMMARY: This Chapter describes the nature and operation of the Commission, and establishes procedures by which the Commission's actions will be governed.

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SECTION 6. CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

1. The date of a contribution is the date it is received by a candidate, an agent of the candidate, a candidate's committee, a party committee and its agents, or a political action committee and its agents.
2. A loan is a contribution at the time it is made unless the loan was made by a financial institution in the State of Maine in the ordinary course of business. Loans continue to be contributions until they are repaid. Loans are subject to the candidate contribution limitations, except for loans made by the candidate, the candidate's spouse, or a financial institution in the State of Maine in the ordinary course of business. The Commission may consider any reported loan to be a cash contribution if it remains unpaid four years after the election in which it was incurred.
3. Candidates and political action committees must report the name, address, occupation and employer of each individual contributor who gives, in the aggregate, more than \$ 50 for the reporting period. The reporting is required for private contributions raised by privately financed candidates and for seed money contributions to candidates participating in the Maine Clean Election Act. Candidates, political action committees, ballot question committees, and party committees must make a reasonable effort to obtain the employment information of the contributor when required by statute. The reasonable effort must include requesting the employment information and providing a convenient means for the donor to provide the information, such as a paper form to be submitted with a contribution or text fields to enter the information on an online fundraising screen. If a candidate or committee is unable to obtain the information from the contributor in response to a candidate's or committee's request, the candidate or committee shall indicate "information requested" in the occupation and employer sections of the campaign finance report. If the Commission staff believes that due to the amount of missing information further inquiry is warranted, the Commission staff shall verify whether the candidate or committee has made a reasonable effort to obtain the information.

4. Unless specifically exempted under 21-A M.R.S. §§ 1012 & 1052 or this section, the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge that is less than the usual and customary charge for such goods or services is an in-kind contribution. Examples of such goods and services include, but are not limited to: equipment, facilities, supplies, personnel, advertising, and campaign literature. If goods or services are provided at less than the usual and customary charge, the amount of the in-kind contribution is the difference between the usual and customary charge and the amount charged the candidate or political committee.

A. A commercial vendor that has provided a discount to a candidate or political committee because of a defect in performance or other business reason has not made a contribution if the vendor grants substantially similar discounts to other customers in the ordinary course of the vendor's business.

B. If a candidate is a public official who is provided a vehicle for transportation by a public entity for the purpose of conducting official duties, the use of such vehicle for campaign purposes is considered to be an in-kind contribution to the candidate from the public entity unless the candidate reimburses the public entity for the use of the vehicle.

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