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House of Representatives, January 11, 2005

**An Act To Require That Accelerated Campaign Finance Reports Be
Completed by Both Clean Election and Nonparticipating
Candidates**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§3-B**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 628, Pt. B, §3, is further amended to read:

6 **3-B. Accelerated reporting schedule.** Additional reports
8 are required ~~from--nonparticipating--Maine--Clean--Election--Act~~
~~candidates~~ pursuant to this subsection.

10 A. In addition to other reports required by law, any
12 candidate for Governor, State Senate or State House of
14 Representatives who is not certified as a Maine Clean
16 Election Act candidate under chapter 14 and who receives,
18 spends or obligates more than 1% in excess of the primary or
20 general election distribution amounts for a Maine Clean
Election Act candidate in the same race shall file by any
means acceptable to the commission, within 48 hours of that
event, a report with the commission detailing the
candidate's total campaign contributions, obligations and
expenditures to date.

22 B. A ~~nonparticipating candidate with a Maine Clean Election~~
24 ~~Act opponent~~ candidate for Governor, State Senate or State
House of Representatives shall file the following additional
26 reports detailing the candidate's total campaign
28 contributions, obligations and expenditures to date, unless
30 that candidate signs an affidavit by the date the report is
due, attesting that the candidate has not received, spent or
obligated an amount sufficient to require a report under
paragraph A:

32 (1) A report filed not later than 5 p.m. on the 42nd
34 day before the date on which an election is held and
complete as of the 44th day before that date;

36 (2) A report filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 21st
38 day before the date on which an election is held and
complete as of the 23rd day before that date; and

40 (3) A report filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 12th
42 day before the date on which an election is held and
complete as of the 14th day before that date.

44 C. A candidate ~~who--is--required--to--file--a--report--under~~
46 ~~paragraph A must~~ for Governor, State Senate or State House
of Representatives shall file with the commission an updated
48 report that reports single expenditures in the following
50 amounts that are made after the 14th day before an election
and more than 24 hours before 5:00 p.m. on the date of that
election:

- 2 (1) For a candidate for Governor, a single expenditure
of \$1,000;
- 4 (2) For a candidate for the state Senate, a single
6 expenditure of \$750; and
- 8 (3) For a candidate for the state House of
Representatives, a single expenditure of \$500.

10 A report filed pursuant to this paragraph must be filed
12 within 24 hours of the expenditure.

14 The commission shall provide forms to facilitate compliance with
this subsection. The commission shall notify a nonparticipating
16 candidate with a Maine Clean Election Act opponent within 48
18 hours if an amount reported on any report under paragraph B
exceeds 1% in excess of the primary or general election
20 distribution amounts for a Maine Clean Election Act candidate in
the same race and no report has been received under paragraph A.

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SUMMARY

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This bill requires all Maine Clean Election Act candidates,
26 to file campaign finance reports in accordance with the
accelerated reporting schedule.