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House of Representatives, February 15, 2005

An Act To Prohibit Clean Election Candidates from Using Clean Money for Personal Profit or Use

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CURTIS of Madison, JACOBSEN of Waterboro,
MILLETT of Waterford, NASS of Acton, PINKHAM of Lexington Township,
RICHARDSON of Skowhegan, THOMAS of Ripley.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6**, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1,
§17, is amended to read:

6 **6. Restrictions on contributions and expenditures for**
7 **certified candidates.** After certification, a candidate must
8 limit the candidate's campaign expenditures and obligations,
9 including outstanding obligations, to the revenues distributed to
10 the candidate from the fund and may not accept any contributions
11 unless specifically authorized by the commission. All revenues
12 distributed to certified candidates from the fund must be used
13 for campaign-related purposes. Revenues from the fund may not be
14 used by the certified candidate or a family member of the
15 certified candidate for personal travel expenses and mileage or
16 personal items. The commission shall publish guidelines
17 outlining permissible campaign-related expenditures.

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20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill prohibits a Maine Clean Election Act candidate or
23 a family member of the candidate from using funds from the Maine
24 Clean Election Fund for personal travel expenses and mileage or
personal items.