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House of Representatives, January 4, 2006

An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Clean Election Fund

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative PATRICK of Rumford for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1124, subsection 3.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed under Joint Rule 218.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

1 Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 2 3 Whereas, due to earlier transfers to the General Fund, the Maine Clean Election Fund needs additional funding to cover the anticipated clean election costs that will be 4 5 incurred during the 2006 general election; and 6 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 9 therefore, 10 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and 11 12 allocations are made. ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL 13 14 **Maine Clean Election Fund** 15 Initiative: Appropriates funds to cover an anticipated shortfall in the Maine Clean Election Fund for projected costs of the 2006 general election. The State Controller shall 16 transfer these funds to the Maine Clean Election Fund no later than July 31, 2006. 17 18 19 2005-06 2006-07 **GENERAL FUND** 20 \$0 \$2,000,000 All Other 21 22 \$2,000,000 **GENERAL FUND TOTAL** \$0 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes 23 effect when approved. 24 SUMMARY 25 This bill requires the transfer of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to the Maine 26 Clean Election Fund no later than July 31, 2006 to assure gubernatorial and legislative 27

candidates in the 2006 elections that there will be sufficient funding for the Maine Clean Election Act.

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