

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, December 21, 2007

### **An Act To Ensure Integrity in Financing Publicly Funded Campaigns**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLS of Farmington.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PATRICK of Rumford, PIOTTI of Unity, TREAT of Hallowell, Senator: MITCHELL of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. B, §6, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **6. Restrictions on contributions and expenditures for certified candidates.** After  
5 certification, a candidate must limit the candidate's campaign expenditures and  
6 obligations, including outstanding obligations, to the revenues distributed to the candidate  
7 from the fund and may not accept any contributions unless specifically authorized by the  
8 commission. ~~Candidates~~ Certified candidates may also accept and spend interest earned  
9 on fund revenues in campaign bank accounts. All revenues distributed to a certified  
10 candidate from the fund must be used for campaign-related purposes. The candidate, the  
11 treasurer, the candidate's committee authorized pursuant to section 1013-A, subsection 1  
12 or any agent of the candidate and committee may not use these revenues for any but  
13 campaign-related purposes. A certified candidate may not spend fund revenues on  
14 payments to the candidate, a member of the candidate's immediate family, a person who  
15 contributes to the candidate's household finances or a business or nonprofit entity  
16 affiliated with the candidate or a member of the candidate's family except to make  
17 payment for goods or property provided to the candidate's campaign. A certified  
18 candidate may not use fund revenues to pay or reimburse a member of the candidate's  
19 immediate family for services provided to the campaign. The commission shall publish  
20 guidelines outlining permissible campaign-related expenditures.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill prohibits a Maine Clean Election Act candidate from spending Maine Clean  
23 Election Act funds on himself or herself, a member of the candidate's immediate family  
24 or a business affiliated with the candidate. It also prohibits the use of Maine Clean  
25 Election Act funds to pay or reimburse a member of the candidate's immediate family for  
26 services provided to the candidate's campaign.