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S.P. 135

In Senate, February 7, 2017

**An Act To Prohibit Taxpayer-funded Campaign Expenditures from
Being Used on Post-election Parties**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock and

Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives:

DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI
of Ellsworth, SCHNECK of Bangor, TURNER of Burlington.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2011, c. 389, §54, is further amended to read:

6. Restrictions on contributions and expenditures for certified candidates. After certification, a candidate must limit the candidate's campaign expenditures and obligations, including outstanding obligations, to the revenues distributed to the candidate from the fund and may not accept any contributions unless specifically authorized by the commission. Candidates may also accept and spend interest earned on fund revenues in campaign bank accounts. All revenues distributed to a certified candidate from the fund must be used for campaign-related purposes. The candidate, the treasurer, the candidate's committee authorized pursuant to section 1013-A, subsection 1 or any agent of the candidate and committee may not use these revenues for any but campaign-related purposes. The candidate, the treasurer, the candidate's committee authorized pursuant to section 1013-A, subsection 1 or any agent of the candidate and committee may not use these revenues for post-election parties. The commission shall publish guidelines outlining permissible campaign-related expenditures.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits funds distributed to candidates from the Maine Clean Election Fund from being used for post-election parties.