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S.P. 96

In Senate, January 14, 2025

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifying Contributions of Cash Under the Maine Clean Election Act

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester and

Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, GROHOSKI of Hancock, HICKMAN of Kennebec,

Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MALON of Biddeford.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§3, ¶**F,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 323, §29, is amended to read:

F. A contributor may make a qualifying contribution to a participating candidate in the form of cash, as long as the contributor signs a form prepared by the commission affirming that the contributor made the contribution with personal funds. A candidate receiving qualifying contributions in cash shall submit the contributions to the commission in the aggregate in the form of a cashier's check or money order payable to the fund. The candidate may not deposit qualifying contributions received in cash into the candidate's campaign account.

11 SUMMARY

This bill eliminates the requirement that contributors making qualifying contributions in the form of cash to a participating candidate in the Maine Clean Election Act sign a form affirming that the contributor made the contribution with personal funds.