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In Senate, February 9, 1999

**An Act to Require Legislative Review of Rules Regarding Campaign
Report Filing Forms.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford, Representatives: TESSIER of Fairfield,
TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1126**, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

6 **§1126. Commission to adopt rules**

8 The commission shall adopt rules to ensure effective
administration of this chapter. These rules must include but
10 ~~must are not be~~ limited to procedures for obtaining qualifying
contributions, certification as a Maine Clean Election Act
12 candidate, circumstances involving special elections, vacancies,
recounts, withdrawals or replacements, collection of revenues for
14 the fund, distribution of fund revenue to certified candidates,
return of unspent fund disbursements and compliance with the
16 Maine Clean Election Act. Rules of the commission establishing
campaign report filing forms for candidates are major substantive
18 rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A; other
rules of the commission are routine technical rules as defined in
20 that subchapter.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill amends the Maine Clean Election Act to require
26 legislative review of Commission on Governmental Ethics and
Election Practices rules establishing the forms to be used by
28 candidates to file campaign reports.