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House of Representatives, February 22, 2001

An Act to Bring Fairness to the Maine Clean Elections Act.

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: MCKENNEY of Cumberland, MICHAEL of Auburn, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SHIELDS of Auburn, TRACY of Rome, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, SAWYER of Penobscot, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:**

6 9-A. Matching funds not triggered. When any campaign,
8 finance or election report shows that a certified candidate has
10 received a contribution or expenditure that constitutes an
12 independent expenditure under section 1019, that candidate's
14 opponent, whether or not a certified candidate, may raise and
16 expend an equivalent amount without triggering matching funds
18 under this section.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides that if a candidate certified under the
18 Maine Clean Election Act receives that which would constitute an
20 independent expenditure under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
21-A, section 1019, that candidate's opponent may raise and spend
an equivalent amount without triggering matching funds.