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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1574, L.D. 2080, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part OO and inserting in its place the following:

PART OO

Sec. OO-1. 5 MRSA §1513, sub-§1-V is enacted to read:

1-V. Transfer from Maine Rainy Day Fund; Maine Clean Election Fund. Notwithstanding subsection 2 and section 1585 or any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 must be transferred by the State Controller from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund, for the purposes set forth in Title 21-A, section 1124, upon certification in writing by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices that without the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 the Maine Clean Election Fund will be unable to meet the expected demands for clean elections funding within the next 120 days.

The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall return to the Maine Rainy Day Fund the unspent portion of transferred funds on or before June 30th of any fiscal year following the fiscal year in which a transfer from the Maine Rainy Day Fund occurred.

Sec. OO-2. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§3, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

SENATE AMENDMENT

3. **Determination of fund amount.** By September 1st preceding each election year, the commission shall publish an estimate of revenue in the fund available for distribution to certified candidates during the upcoming year's elections and an estimate of the likely demand for clean elections funding during that election. The commission may request a transfer from the Maine Rainy Day Fund pursuant to Title 5, section 1513, subsection 1-V. The commission may submit legislation to request alternative or additional funding.

Sec. OO-3. Effective date. That section of this Part that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1513, subsection I-V takes effect January 1, 2005.'

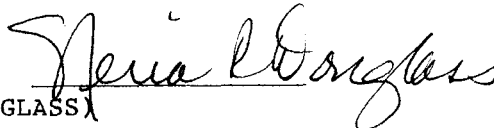
FISCAL NOTE

This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained for the 2002-2003 biennium.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the State Controller to transfer up to \$4,000,000 to the Maine Clean Election Fund upon certification by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices that the amount is needed to meet anticipated demands for clean election funding within the next 120 days. Any amount unspent is transferred back to the Maine Rainy Day Fund by June 30th of the following year.

SPONSORED BY:
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