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H.P. 1249

House of Representatives, December 19, 2003

An Act To Provide Funding for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 16, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and
Representatives: PINGREE of North Haven, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senators:
President DAGGETT of Kennebec, MAYO of Sagadahoc, SAVAGE of Knox, TURNER of
Cumberland, WESTON of Waldo, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

2 from the Maine Clean Election Fund in the upcoming calendar
year 2006, by January 1, 2006 1st, the commission shall
4 provide a report of its projections of the balances in the
Maine Clean Election Fund to the Legislature and the
6 Governor and may request that the State Controller make the
following transfers to the Maine Clean Election Fund from
8 the General Fund. These transfers may include up to
\$2,000,000 no later than February 28, 2004, reflecting an
advance of the transfer of the amounts that would be
10 received on or before January 1, 2005 pursuant to this
paragraph, and:

12 (1) Up to \$2,000,000 no later than February 28, 2006,
14 reflecting an advance of the transfer of the amounts
that would be received on or before January 1, 2007
16 pursuant to this paragraph; and

18 (2) Up to \$2,000,000 no later than July 31, 2006,
20 reflecting an advance of the transfer of the amounts
that would be received on or before January 1, 2008
22 pursuant to this paragraph;

24 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

26 SUMMARY

28 Part A of this bill appropriates funds to the Commission on
30 Governmental Ethics and Election Practices for the following
purposes.

32 1. It provides additional funding for the Maine Clean
34 Election Fund.

36 2. It provides additional funds for temporary workers
needed for election-related data entry and clerical tasks.

38 3. It provides additional funds for certain technology
40 costs.

42 4. It provides additional funds for per diem payments for
commission members.

44 Part B of this bill authorizes the commission to request
46 transfers to the Maine Clean Election Fund if it determines that
the likely demand from the fund in the coming year will exceed
48 revenues in the fund. The bill specifically authorizes the
commission to request a transfer of up to \$2,000,000 no later

2 than February 28, 2004, reflecting an advance of the transfer of amounts that would be received on or before January 1, 2005.