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House of Representatives, January 18, 2005

An Act To Transfer Funds to the Maine Clean Election Fund

Reported by Representative PATRICK of Rumford for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1124, subsection 3.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed under Joint Rule 218.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

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

4 **Sec. 1. Transfer of funds; unallocated surplus General Fund to**
6 **Maine Clean Election Fund.** Notwithstanding any other provision of
law, by October 31, 2005 the State Controller shall transfer
\$4,700,000 of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to
the Maine Clean Election Fund.

8 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
10 appropriations and allocations are made.

12 **ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES,**
14 **COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL**

16 **Maine Clean Election Fund**

Initiative: Allocates funds to cover an anticipated shortfall in
the Maine Clean Election Fund for projected costs of the 2006
general election.

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2005-06	2006-07
22 All Other	\$4,700,000	\$0
24 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,700,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires the transfer of \$4,700,000 from the
30 General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund no later than
October 31, 2005 to assure gubernatorial and legislative
32 candidates in the 2006 elections that there will be sufficient
funding for the Maine Clean Election Act.