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An Act Allowing Certain Clean Election Campaign Reports To Be Filed by Telephone

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

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Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§3-B, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2001,
4 c. 470, §6, is amended to read:

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A. In addition to other reports required by law, any
8 candidate for Governor, State Senate or State House of
Representatives who is not certified as a Maine Clean
10 Election Act candidate under chapter 14 and who receives,
spends or obligates more than 1% in excess of the primary or
12 general election distribution amounts for a Maine Clean
Election Act candidate in the same race shall file by any
14 means acceptable to the commission, including by telephone,
within 48 hours of that event, a report with the commission
16 detailing the candidate's total campaign contributions,
obligations and expenditures to date.

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Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§3-B, ¶C, as amended by PL 2003,
c. 628, Pt. B, §3, is further amended to read:

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C. A candidate who is required to file a report under
22 paragraph A must file with the commission an updated report
that reports single expenditures in the following amounts
24 that are made after the 14th day before an election and more
than 24 hours before 5:00 p.m. on the date of that election:

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(1) For a candidate for Governor, a single expenditure
28 of \$1,000;

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(2) For a candidate for the state Senate, a single
expenditure of \$750; and

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(3) For a candidate for the state House of
34 Representatives, a single expenditure of \$500.

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A report filed pursuant to this paragraph must be filed
38 within 24 hours of the expenditure and may be filed by
telephone.

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SUMMARY

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Current law requires a nonparticipating Maine Clean Election
44 Act candidate who receives, spends or obligates more than 1% in
excess of the primary or general election distribution amounts
46 for a Maine Clean Election Act candidate to file a report with
the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
48 within 48 hours of exceeding the distribution amount. If that
nonparticipating Maine Clean Election Act candidate for Governor,
50 state Senate or state House of Representatives makes a single

2 expenditure of at least \$1,000, \$750 or \$500 respectively, within
14 days of the election, the nonparticipating candidate is
4 required to report that expenditure to the commission within 24
hours of the expenditure.

6 This bill allows the nonparticipating Maine Clean Election
Act candidate who is required to file these 2 reports to do so by
8 telephone.