

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **An Act To Provide Additional Funding for the Maine Clean Election Act**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROBINSON of Raymond.  
Cosponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and  
Representatives: FITTS of Pittsfield, JOY of Crystal, MILLETT of Waterford, MOORE of  
Standish, PLUMMER of Windham, RECTOR of Thomaston, WALKER of Lincolnville,  
WEAVER of York.

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

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

4 G. Voluntary donations made directly to the fund; ~~and~~

5       **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶H**, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is  
6       amended to read:

7 H. Fines collected under section 1020-A, subsection 4 and section 1127; and

**8        Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶I is enacted to read:**

9 I. Payments made as reimbursement for independent expenditures supporting a  
10 participating candidate's campaign from a political action committee of which the  
11 participating candidate is a principal officer, primary fundraiser or decision maker as  
12 provided in section 1125, subsection 6-A.

13        **Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:**

**6-A. Principal officer in a political action committee, independent expenditures.**  
A participating candidate who is a principal officer, primary fundraiser or decision maker  
in a political action committee that makes independent expenditures in support of  
candidates must disclose that participation to the commission on forms provided by the  
commission. An amount equal to the amount spent on independent expenditures by that  
political action committee in support of the election of the participating candidate who is  
a principal officer, primary fundraiser or decision maker of that political action  
committee must be paid to the commission for deposit in the fund.

## 22 SUMMARY

23 This bill provides that an amount of money equal to the amount spent on independent  
24 expenditures in support of the election of a participating candidate in the Maine Clean  
25 Election Act by a political action committee of which the participating candidate is a  
26 principal officer, primary fundraiser or decision maker must be paid to the Maine Clean  
27 Election Fund.