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House of Representatives, March 8, 2007

An Act To Amend Requirements for Participation of Gubernatorial Candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative VALENTINO of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and
Representatives: HOTHAM of Dixfield, JACKSON of Allagash, MAREAN of Hollis,
PATRICK of Rumford, PIEH of Bremen.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

3 **2-A. Required seed money contributions for gubernatorial candidates. A**
4 **participating candidate for Governor must raise seed money contributions totaling at least**
5 **\$10,000.**

6 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§3, ¶A,** as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is
7 amended to read:

8 A. For a gubernatorial candidate, at least ~~2,500~~ 3,500 verified registered voters of
9 this State must support the candidacy by providing a qualifying contribution to that
10 candidate;

11 **SUMMARY**

12 Under current law, in order to qualify under the Maine Clean Election Act, a
13 participating candidate for Governor must obtain qualifying contributions from at least
14 2,500 verified registered voters. This bill increases the number of necessary qualifying
15 contributions to 3,500. In addition, this bill requires that a participating candidate for
16 Governor raise seed money contributions totaling at least \$10,000.