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An Act To Define Campaign Communications Requiring Matching Clean Election Funding

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

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Presented by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:**

3 **9-A. Communications triggering matching funds.** If a communication displays
4 the name or photograph of a candidate and the opposing candidate is a certified
5 candidate, the commission immediately shall issue funds to the opposing candidate equal
6 to the amount of the funds expended for the communication. For purposes of this
7 subsection, "communication" means any political statement or publication directed at the
8 public by any means, including electronic, video, audio or printed materials.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires matching funds be disbursed to a candidate certified under the
11 Maine Clean Election Act in the amount of the cost of a political communication that
12 contains the name or photograph of the candidate's opponent.