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An Act To Improve Maine's Clean Election Law

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAYE of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative HOLMAN of Fayette and Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MARTIN of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§5, ¶C-1 is enacted to read: 2 3 C-1. If the candidate is a gubernatorial candidate, raised at least \$35,000 in seed money contributions; 4 5 Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§5, ¶C-2 is enacted to read: C-2. If the candidate is a candidate for the state Senate, raised at least \$1,000 in seed 6 money contributions from residents within that Senate district; 7 8 Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§5, ¶C-3 is enacted to read: 9 C-3. If the candidate is a candidate for the state House of Representatives, raised at least \$350 in seed money contributions from residents within that House district; 10 **SUMMARY** 11 12 This bill requires that: 13 1. A candidate for Governor must raise at least \$35,000 in seed money contributions to qualify as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate; 14 2. A candidate for the state Senate must raise at least \$1,000 in seed money 15 contributions to qualify as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate; and 16 17 3. A candidate for the state House of Representatives must raise at least \$350 in seed money contributions to qualify as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate. 18

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