

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### An Act To Govern Publicly Funded Advertising during Campaigns

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAYE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative BLANCHETTE of Bangor and Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: HINCK of Portland, HOLMAN of Fayette, NASS of Acton, PINGREE of North Haven.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1014, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Publicly funded advertising.** A candidate may not appear in any television, radio  
4 or newspaper advertisement that is paid for by public funds, other than with  
5 disbursements from the Maine Clean Election Fund, during the 6 months preceding a  
6 primary or general election in which the candidate is running.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill prohibits any candidate for public office from appearing in any television,  
9 radio or newspaper advertisement that is paid for by public funds, other than with  
10 disbursements from the Maine Clean Election Fund, during the 6 months preceding a  
11 primary or general election in which he or she is a candidate.