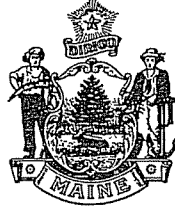


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House of Representatives, January 12, 2009

An Act To Increase the Allowable Contributions to Traditionally Funded Campaigns

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative DAVIS of Sangerville.
Cosponsored by Senator SMITH of Piscataquis and
Representatives: SARTY of Denmark, SAVIELLO of Wilton, TARDY of Newport, THOMAS
of Ripley, Senator: TRAHAN of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §10,
3 is further amended to read:

4 **1. Individuals.** An individual may not make contributions to a candidate in support
5 of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than ~~\$500~~ \$2,000 in any election for a
6 gubernatorial candidate or, more than ~~\$250~~ \$500 in any election for any ~~other~~ candidate
7 for the State Senate or the State House of Representatives or more than \$250 for any
8 other candidate. This limitation does not apply to contributions in support of a candidate
9 by that candidate or that candidate's spouse or domestic partner.

10 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §11,
11 is further amended to read:

12 **2. Committees; corporations; associations.** A political committee, political action
13 committee, other committee, firm, partnership, corporation, association or organization
14 may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person
15 aggregating more than ~~\$500~~ \$2,000 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate or, more
16 than ~~\$250~~ \$500 in any election for any ~~other~~ candidate for the State Senate or the State
17 House of Representatives or more than \$250 for any other candidate.

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SUMMARY

19 This bill increases the amount of allowable contributions to the campaigns of
20 candidates for the State Senate and the State House of Representatives who do not
21 participate in Maine Clean Election Act funding from \$250 to \$500 and the amount of
22 allowable contributions to the campaigns of candidates for Governor who do not
23 participate in Maine Clean Election Act funding from \$500 to \$2,000.