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House of Representatives, February 26, 2009

An Act To Require Closed-captioning for Certain Political Advertisements

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. B, §6, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **6. Restrictions on contributions and expenditures for certified candidates.** After
5 certification, a candidate must limit the candidate's campaign expenditures and
6 obligations, including outstanding obligations, to the revenues distributed to the candidate
7 from the fund and may not accept any contributions unless specifically authorized by the
8 commission. Candidates may also accept and spend interest earned on fund revenues in
9 campaign bank accounts. All revenues distributed to a certified candidate from the fund
10 must be used for campaign-related purposes. The candidate, the treasurer, the candidate's
11 committee authorized pursuant to section 1013-A, subsection 1 or any agent of the
12 candidate and committee may not use these revenues for any but campaign-related
13 purposes. A television advertisement purchased with these revenues must be closed-
14 captioned. The commission shall publish guidelines outlining permissible campaign-
15 related expenditures.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires television advertisements purchased with Maine Clean Election Act
18 funds to be closed-captioned.