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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 345,
L.D. 923, "Resolve, To Reduce Funding to Maine Clean Election Act Candidates"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Distributions to certified candidates; rules. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part NNNN, sections 1 to 3, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall distribute Maine Clean Election Act funds to certified legislative candidates in accordance with section 1 and to gubernatorial candidates in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1125. The commission shall also establish rules to implement Title 21-A, section 1125, subsection 13. The rules must set forth procedures for certified Maine Clean Election Act candidates to accept and spend contributions if the commission determines that revenues in the Maine Clean Election Fund are insufficient to make distributions to certified candidates. Rules adopted in accordance with this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The commission shall publish the adopted rules on its publicly accessible website and in a guidebook distributed to certified candidates. The commission shall report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs by February 15, 2010 on how the distributions provided by Title 21-A, chapter 14 are to be made; and be it further'

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall make distributions to legislative candidates certified as participating candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act at 2008 levels and to gubernatorial candidates in accordance with the distributions provided by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 14. The amendment also directs the commission to establish rules to implement a provision of the Maine Clean Election Act that permits certified candidates to accept contributions if the Maine Clean Election Fund is insufficient to make distributions. These rules are routine technical rules and are required to be posted on the commission's publicly accessible website. The amendment also requires the commission

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1 to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs on how the
2 distributions provided by Title 21-A, chapter 14 are to be made.

3 SPONSORED BY: Pamela Fabon Trinward
4 (Representative TRINWARD)

5 TOWN: Waterville

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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Resolve, To Reduce Funding to Maine Clean Election Act Candidates

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Trinward of Waterville

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No State fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment would allow certified candidates to accept and spend contributions to replace decreased distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund.