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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 652

House of Representatives, March 10, 2009

**An Act To Reduce the Number of Qualifying Contributions  
Required for Special Elections under the Maine Clean Election Act**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BLANCHARD of Old Town.  
Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and  
Representatives: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, JONES of Mount Vernon, MARTIN of  
Orono, MAZUREK of Rockland, THIBODEAU of Winterport, VALENTINO of Saco.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is  
3 amended to read:

4 B. For a candidate for the State Senate in a regular election, at least 150 verified  
5 registered voters from the candidate's electoral division must support the candidacy  
6 by providing a qualifying contribution to that candidate, and 75 verified registered  
7 voters must provide a qualifying contribution if it is a special election; or

8 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§3, ¶C,** as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is  
9 amended to read:

10 C. For a candidate for the State House of Representatives in a regular election, at  
11 least 50 verified registered voters from the candidate's electoral division must support  
12 the candidacy by providing a qualifying contribution to that candidate, and 25  
13 verified registered voters must provide a qualifying contribution if it is a special  
14 election.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill reduces the amount of qualifying contributions required under the Maine  
17 Clean Election Act for special election candidates for the State Senate and the State  
18 House of Representatives to 75 contributions from registered voters for the Senate  
19 candidate and 25 contributions from registered voters for the House of Representatives  
20 candidate.