

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 970,  
L.D. 1380, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Laws Governing  
Gubernatorial Candidates"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first paragraph after the title (page 1,  
lines 11 and 12 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and  
inserting the following:

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation makes changes to the Maine Clean Election Act for  
funding of gubernatorial candidates, including increasing seed money contributions; and

**Whereas,** the window within which prospective candidates for the 2010  
gubernatorial race must make a decision concerning whether to accept Maine Clean  
Election Act funds is closing rapidly; and

**Whereas,** in order for a prospective gubernatorial candidate to make a fully  
informed decision regarding participation as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate, it is  
imperative that the changes made by this legislation take effect as soon as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
therefore,

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

Amend the amendment in section 1 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 1, line 16 in  
amendment) by striking out the following: "November 1st" and inserting the following:  
'November 1st October 15th'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 14 the following:

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
legislation takes effect when approved.'

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to Committee Amendment "A."

This amendment also changes the start date of the qualifying period for gubernatorial candidates from November 1st to October 15th.

SPONSORED BY: Pamela Labor Trinward

(Representative TRINWARD)

TOWN: Waterville

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1380

LR 1075(04)

## An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Laws Governing Gubernatorial Candidates

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

Sponsor: Rep. Trinward of Waterville

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Potential Reduction of Revenue Decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment increases the qualifying period for gubernatorial candidates by 15 days. It could result in a potential reduction in the Other Special Revenue Funds revenue decrease of \$16,250 reported on the Committee amendment. No estimate of this potential reduction is made.