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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 184, L.D. 231, Bill, "An Act To Ensure the Integrity of Laws Governing Clean Elections by Amending Provisions Regarding Equipment Repurchase"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Adopt Routine Technical Rules Governing the Maine Clean Election Act and Equipment Repurchase'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adopt rules. Resolved:** That the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall adopt rules governing the Maine Clean Election Act so that equipment that has been purchased for a candidate's campaign using Maine Clean Election Act funds must be sold for at least 75% of the original purchase price if the equipment is sold to the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family or campaign staff. Rules adopted in accordance with this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the bill and replaces it with a resolve directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adopt routine technical rules that require equipment purchased using Maine Clean Election Act funds to be sold for at least 75% of the original purchase price if that equipment is sold to the candidate or to a member of the candidate's immediate family or campaign staff. Current rules require that the item be sold for at least 40% of the purchase price.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 03/17/11 *MAC*

# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 231

LR 624(02)

## An Act To Ensure the Integrity of Laws Governing Clean Elections by Amending Provisions Regarding Equipment Repurchase

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring that property or equipment which was originally purchased using Maine Clean Election Act Funds and subsequently sold to a family or staff member must be purchased by that family or staff member at 75% or more of the original purchase price could result in a minor increase in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue not requiring any change to the budget.

Additional costs to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices associated with rulemaking can be absorbed with existing staff and within existing budgeted resources.