

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 184

House of Representatives, February 1, 2011

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CLARK of Easton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, EDGECOMB
of Caribou, HARMON of Palermo, HARVELL of Farmington, LONG of Sherman,
TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRS §1125, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

3 **15. Disposition of property or equipment.** If a candidate sells property or
4 equipment that has been purchased for the candidate's campaign using Maine Clean
5 Election Act funds to the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family or
6 campaign staff, the property or equipment must be sold for at least 75% of the original
7 purchase price.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 Under rules adopted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election
10 Practices, a candidate who receives Maine Clean Election Act funds and sells property
11 purchased using those funds to the candidate or a family member or staff member must
12 receive at least 40% of the original purchase price for that property. Property that is sold
13 to someone other than the candidate or a family member or staff member must be sold at
14 fair market value.

15 This bill specifies that the amount received from the candidate or a family member or
16 staff member for the purchase of such property must be at least 75% of the original
17 purchase price.