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House of Representatives, March 8, 2011

**An Act To Require Participating Candidates Who Are Principal
Officers of Political Action Committees To Give a Percentage of
Funds to the Maine Clean Election Fund**

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 HARLOW of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, HARVELL of Farmington, HASKELL of Portland,
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, ROCHELO of Biddeford, Senator: PATRICK of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶G,** as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is
3 amended to read:

4 G. Voluntary donations made directly to the fund; ~~and~~

5 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶H,** as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is
6 amended to read:

7 H. Fines collected under section 1020-A, subsection 4 and section 1127-; and

8 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶I** is enacted to read:

9 I. Contributions from political action committees under section 1125-A.

10 **Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1125-A** is enacted to read:

11 **§1125-A. Participating candidate and political action committees**

12 A participating candidate who is running for State Senator or State Representative
13 and who is a principal officer of a political action committee that receives contributions
14 and makes expenditures for the purpose of promoting the election or defeat of another
15 candidate shall remit 25% of the funds received by the political action committee to the
16 commission for deposit to the fund. Deposits to the fund from participating candidates as
17 required by this section are limited to \$5,000 from a participating candidate who is
18 running for State Senator and \$1,000 from a participating candidate who is running for
19 State Representative.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires a candidate for the Senate or House who is a participating candidate
22 in the Maine Clean Election Act and a principal officer of a political action committee
23 established for the purpose of promoting the election or defeat of another candidate to
24 deposit a percentage of the contributions received by the political action committee to the
25 Maine Clean Election Fund. Deposits to the fund are capped at \$5,000 for Senate
26 candidates and \$1,000 for House candidates.