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L.D. 1054
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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 789, L.D. 1054, Bill, "An Act To Revise the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Legislative Leadership Positions"

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

'An Act To Revise the Maine Clean Election Act Concerning Contributions for Political Action Committees'

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

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6-D is enacted to read:

6-D. Participation in political action committees; contribution limits. During the period of time that a person is a certified candidate, the person may not solicit or accept a contribution greater than \$10,000 for a political action committee for which the person is a principal officer, fund-raiser or decision maker.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and is one of 2 minority reports of the committee. The amendment prohibits a certified candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act from soliciting or accepting contributions greater than \$10,000 for a political action committee for which the candidate is a principal officer, fund-raiser or decision maker.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1054

LR 1696(03)

An Act To Revise the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Legislative Leadership Positions

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

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium savings - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation could result in Other Special Revenue Funds savings due to decreased payments to qualified candidates. This analysis assumes a certain number of candidates who would otherwise run as Maine Clean Election Act candidates will opt out of the program in order to establish a political action committee and accept more than \$10,000 in contributions. During the 2010 election cycle, \$334,000 in Maine Clean Election Funds was paid to candidates who established leadership political action committees.