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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to S.P. 612, L.D. 1774, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Matching Funds Provisions of the Maine Clean Election Act"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§2, ¶¶B and C, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, are amended to read:

- B. ~~One~~ Three thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars for a candidate for the State Senate; or
- C. ~~Five hundred~~ One thousand dollars for a candidate for the State House of Representatives.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 11 and inserting the following:

Sec. 11. Resolve 2011, c. 89 is repealed.

Sec. 12. Distributions for the 2012 and 2014 primary and general election cycles. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1125, subsection 8-A, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall distribute the following amounts to candidates for the Legislature for the 2012 and 2014 election cycles certified as Maine Clean Election Act candidates under Title 21-A, chapter 14:

- 1. For a candidate for the State House of Representatives:
  - A. In an uncontested election during the primary election cycle, \$0;
  - B. In a contested election during the primary election cycle, \$500; and
  - C. During the general election cycle, \$4,000; and
- 2. For a candidate for the State Senate:
  - A. In an uncontested election during the primary election cycle, \$0;
  - B. In a contested election during the primary election cycle, \$2,000; and
  - C. During the general election cycle, \$23,000.

Sec. 13. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SENATE AMENDMENT

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1 **ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL**  
 2 **Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

3 Initiative: Allocates payments to candidates based upon repealing Resolve 2011, chapter  
 4 89, which reduced the amount distributed during the 2012 election cycle to 5% less than  
 5 the amount distributed during the 2010 election cycle.

6	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
7	All Other	\$245,835	\$0
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9	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$245,835</u>	<u>\$0</u>

10 **Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

11 Initiative: Reduction in payments to candidates from eliminating matching funds.

12	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
13	All Other	(\$473,001)	(\$927,880)
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15	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$473,001)</u>	<u>(\$927,880)</u>

16 **Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

17 Initiative: Adjusts payments to candidates as a result of adjusting distributions during the  
 18 2012 and 2014 election cycles.

19	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
20	All Other	(\$179,985)	\$234,356
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22	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$179,985)</u>	<u>\$234,356</u>

23 **ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES,**  
 24 **COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL**  
 25 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

26		<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
27	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	(\$407,151)	(\$693,524)
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29	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>(\$407,151)</u>	<u>(\$693,524)</u>
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31 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
 32 section number to read consecutively.

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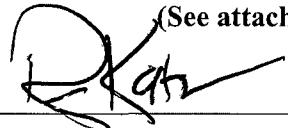
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**SUMMARY**

Under current law, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices determines distribution amounts for candidates by looking at certain factors, including campaign expenditures from the Maine Clean Election Fund from the 2 previous election cycles. This amendment repeals the requirement that distributions during the 2012 election cycle must be reduced by 5% from the amounts distributed during the 2010 election cycle. This amendment provides a set amount for distributions for the 2012 and 2014 election cycles, which will be used when determining future distributions, and maintains the single distribution proposal included in the bill. The amendment also doubles the amount of seed money contributions legislative candidates may receive.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



SPONSORED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(Senator KATZ)

COUNTY: Kennebec



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1774

LR 2682(07)

## An Act Regarding the Matching Funds Provisions of the Maine Clean Election Act

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "C" S-390

Sponsor: Sen. Katz of Kennebec

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$65,850	\$234,356	(\$179,985)	\$234,356

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This floor amendment retains the original bill's repeal of requirements related to qualification for and distribution of matching funds. It also specifies distributions to candidates during the 2012 and 2014 election cycles and it repeals Resolve 2011, c. 89, which reduced the amount distributed during the 2012 election cycle to 5% less than the amount distributed during the 2010 election cycle. The incremental impact as compared to the original bill is an increase in Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices of \$65,850 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$234,356 in fiscal year 2012-13. This analysis assumes participation in the Maine Clean Elections process during the 2012 and 2014 election cycles will be consistent with the 2010 election cycle.