

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

126TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 452, L.D. 1309, Bill, "An Act To Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act"

Amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 8-A in the first line (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2011" and inserting the following: '2011 2015'

Amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 8-A in the 2nd line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "funds to be distributed" and inserting the following: '~~funds to be distributed~~ initial and supplemental distributions to be made'

Amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 8-B in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 3, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "candidates" the following: 'for elections prior to September 1, 2015'

Amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 8-C in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 3, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Senate" the following: 'for elections prior to September 1, 2015'

Amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 8-C in paragraph D in subparagraph (2) in the first line (page 4, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "45" and inserting the following: '30'

Amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 8-D in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 4, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Representatives" the following: 'for elections prior to September 1, 2015'

Amend the bill by adding after section 10 the following:

**'Sec. 11. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL**

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

Initiative: Provides funding for supplemental payments to Maine Clean Election Fund candidates.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
2	All Other	\$6,401,750	\$1,668,750
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4	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,401,750</u>	<u>\$1,668,750</u>

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

6 Initiative: Provides funding for one limited-period project position to process additional  
7 qualifying contributions and distributions.

8	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
9	Personal Services	\$20,115	\$20,749
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11	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$20,115</u>	<u>\$20,749</u>

12 **ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES,**  
13 **COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL**  
14 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

14		<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
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16	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$6,421,865</b>	<b>\$1,689,499</b>
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18	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$6,421,865</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,689,499</b></u>
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20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment clarifies that the distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund  
22 established by this bill are for the 2014 election cycle and that the Commission on  
23 Governmental Ethics and Election Practices will use those distributions to make  
24 determinations on future distributions in accordance with the guidelines established in  
25 existing law that direct the commission to consider spending in the 2 previous elections  
26 and the Consumer Price Index. This amendment also reduces the number of additional  
27 qualifying contributions that will allow for distributions to candidates for Senate from  
28 \$5,000 for every 45 additional qualifying contributions to \$5,000 for every 30 additional  
29 qualifying contributions.

30 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

31 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

32 (See attached)



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1309

LR 1748(02)

## An Act To Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-150)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$6,421,865	\$1,689,499	\$2,944,805	\$767,625
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$4,500,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$4,719,525	\$65,775	\$100,982	\$30,257

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation establishes an opportunity for legislative and gubernatorial candidates to qualify for a supplemental payment. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices will require an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$6,401,750 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$1,668,750 in fiscal year 2014-15 to distribute these payments. In order to qualify for a supplemental payment candidates must collect additional qualifying contributions, therefore Other Special Revenue Funds revenue will increase by \$219,525 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$65,775 in fiscal year 2014-15. The Commission will also require an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$20,115 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$20,749 in fiscal year 2014-15 for one limited-period Project position to process additional qualifying contributions and distributions. Additionally, the commission will require a revenue transfer from the General Fund of \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 to fund these payments.