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In Senate, January 13, 2015

An Act To Increase Transparency in Campaign Funding in Legislative Elections

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

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Presented by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, VALENTINO of York,
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, O'CONNOR of Berwick, RUSSELL of
Portland, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§5, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §6, is amended to read:
4 5 6	5. Maine Clean Election Act and Maine Clean Election Fund. To administer and ensure the effective implementation of the Maine Clean Election Act and the Maine Clean Election Fund according to Title 21-A, chapter 14; and
7 8	Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2005, c. 301, §1, is further amended to read:
9 10 11	6. Enhanced monitoring. To provide for enhanced monitoring and enforcement of election practices and the electronic submission of reports and computerized tracking of campaign, election and lobbying information under the commission's jurisdiction-: and
12	Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§7 is enacted to read:
13 14 15 16	7. Online campaign finance information. To provide campaign finance information for legislative elections on a publicly accessible website, including all contributions and independent expenditures used to support or oppose a candidate, sorted by candidate and district.
17	SUMMARY
18 19 20 21	This bill requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to provide campaign finance information for legislative elections on a publicly accessible website, including all contributions and independent expenditures used to support or oppose a candidate, sorted by candidate and district.