

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 228

House of Representatives, February 10, 2015

### An Act To Improve the Maine Clean Election Act

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.  
Cosponsored by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln and  
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, EVANGELOS of Friendship, TUELL of East  
Machias.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6-F** is enacted to read:

3 **6-F. Participation in political action committees.** A certified candidate, may not  
4 establish a political action committee for which the certified candidate is a principal  
5 officer, fund-raiser or decision maker except as provided by this subsection. A certified  
6 candidate seeking election to the State Senate or State House of Representatives may  
7 establish and serve as the principal officer and fund-raiser for a political action committee  
8 established for the purpose of providing that certified candidate with professional  
9 development, networking and educational opportunities related to functions that a person  
10 may perform as a legislator. Expenses related to this purpose, including administrative  
11 and travel costs, consultant fees and other relevant noncampaign-related costs, may be  
12 paid for using funds raised by the political action committee. A certified candidate who  
13 serves as the principal officer, fund-raiser or decision maker for a political action  
14 committee established for the purpose of providing that certified candidate with  
15 professional development, networking and educational opportunities as described in this  
16 subsection shall limit the total amount raised for the political action committee, including  
17 any funds carried over from a political action committee established during a previous  
18 election, as follows:

19 A. Fifteen thousand dollars for candidates for the State Senate; and

20 B. Seven thousand five hundred dollars for candidates for the House of  
21 Representatives.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill prohibits a person certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate seeking  
24 election to the State Senate or State House of Representatives from establishing a  
25 political action committee or serving as a fund-raiser or principal decision maker for a  
26 political action committee unless the political action committee is established to provide  
27 the person with professional development, networking and educational opportunities  
28 related to work that person may perform as a legislator. The bill also sets limits on how  
29 much money may be raised for such a political action committee.