

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 317

In Senate, March 9, 2017

**An Act To Improve the Cost-efficiency of Funds Disbursed under  
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 "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and  
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox,  
Representatives: LUCHINI of Ellsworth, SCHNECK of Bangor.

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 389, §54, is further amended to read:

**6. Restrictions on contributions and expenditures for certified candidates.** After certification, a candidate must limit the candidate's campaign expenditures and obligations, including outstanding obligations, to the revenues distributed to the candidate from the fund and may not accept any contributions unless specifically authorized by the commission. Candidates may also accept and spend interest earned on fund revenues in campaign bank accounts. Candidates may use a political party's nonprofit postage meter for campaign mailings. All revenues distributed to a certified candidate from the fund must be used for campaign-related purposes. The candidate, the treasurer, the candidate's committee authorized pursuant to section 1013-A, subsection 1 or any agent of the candidate and committee may not use these revenues for any but campaign-related purposes. The commission shall publish guidelines outlining permissible campaign-related expenditures.

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows a candidate who receives funds under the Maine Clean Election Act to use a political party's nonprofit postage meter for campaign mailings.