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An Act To Require Maine Clean Election Act Candidates To Purchase Services from Maine-based Companies

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, HANINGTON of Lincoln, STETKIS of Canaan, SUTTON of Warren, TUELL of East Machias.

## 1 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:

4 6. Restrictions on contributions and expenditures for certified candidates. After 5 certification, a candidate must limit the candidate's campaign expenditures and obligations, including outstanding obligations, to the revenues distributed to the candidate 6 from the fund and may not accept any contributions unless specifically authorized by the 7 8 commission. Candidates may also accept and spend interest earned on fund revenues in 9 campaign bank accounts. All revenues distributed to a certified candidate from the fund 10 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 11 candidate and committee may not use these revenues for any but campaign-related 12 purposes. If the candidate, the treasurer, the candidate's committee authorized pursuant to 13 14 section 1013-A, subsection 1 or any agent of the candidate and committee uses these revenues to purchase services, the services must be purchased from a business with an 15 office in this State unless no such business is available to provide the services. The 16 17 commission shall publish guidelines outlining permissible campaign-related expenditures.

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## SUMMARY

19 This bill provides that services purchased by a candidate with funds from the Maine 20 Clean Election Fund must be purchased from a business with an office in this State unless 21 no such business is available to provide the services.