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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1327,
L.D. 1894, Bill, "An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine"

Amend the amendment in Part C by striking out all of section 13 and inserting the following:

Sec. C-13. Maine Clean Election Fund transfers. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the Maine Clean Election Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than 10 days following the effective date of this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1124, subsection 2, paragraph B, shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the taxes imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8 and credited to the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund on or before January 1, 2019.

Sec. C-14. 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: Adjusts allocations to correct an error in Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Part ZZZZZZ, section 19 and to align with available resources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$2,310,665
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$2,310,665

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the section of the committee amendment allocating funds to the Maine Clean Election Fund. Instead, this amendment requires the State Controller to:

HOUSE AMENDMENT



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LD 1894

LR 2868(08)

An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Timberlake of Turner

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$1,665,805)	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will transfer \$3,000,000 from the Maine Clean Election Fund (MCEF) within the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund within 10 days of the effective date of this bill. (This fiscal note assumes that will occur early in fiscal year 2018-19.) It is anticipated that this will leave a cash balance of approximately \$1,300,000 in the MCEF. This amendment also reverses this transaction later in fiscal year 2018-19 by restoring, on or before January 1, 2019, the transfer of \$3,000,000 from the General Fund back to the MCEF, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1124, subsection 2, paragraph B. The amendment also reduces the Other Special Revenue Funds allocation in the bill in fiscal year 2018-19 from \$3,976,470 to \$2,310,665, a reduction of \$1,665,805. This one-time allocation had been included in the bill to correct an error in PL 2017, Chapter 284, Part ZZZZZZ, Section 19 that resulted in a negative allocation in fiscal year 2018-19 of \$1,010,665. The net allocation after this amendment will be \$1,300,000, which will allow expenditure of the anticipated cash balance after the first transfer described above. As amended, this bill does not provide allocation to allow expenditure of the \$3,000,000 to be transferred back to the MCEF on or before January 1, 2019. That allocation will need to be provided either by additional legislative action or by financial order.