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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

129TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 861, L.D. 1187, Bill, "An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Candidates and Political Action Committees"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Legislative Candidates'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 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: Provides appropriations for contracted services to expand random post-election audits to 20% of candidates who did not receive Maine Clean Election Act funding.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$0	\$52,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$52,000

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill and title. Under current practice, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices uses funding from the Maine Clean Election Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1124 to contract with independent auditors to

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 conduct random post-election audits of 20% of the legislative candidates who are
2 certified as Maine Clean Election Act candidates. The amendment provides an ongoing
3 General Fund appropriation to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election
4 Practices to contract with independent auditors to conduct random post-election audits of
5 20% of legislative candidates who are not certified as Maine Clean Election Act
6 candidates.

7 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

8 (See attached)



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LD 1187

LR 1764(02)

An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Candidates and Political Action Committees

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-313)*
 Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$52,000	\$0	\$52,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$52,000	\$0	\$52,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Under current law, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices conducts random post-election audits of 20% of the candidates who received Maine Clean Election Act funding. This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$52,000 beginning in fiscal year 2020-21 and continuing in every other fiscal year to expand the random post-election audits to include 20% of candidates who did not receive Maine Clean Election Act funding.