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S.P. 238

In Senate, February 9, 2023

**An Act to Provide for the Ethical Election of Constitutional Officers
by Restricting Certain Campaign Contributions**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.
Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and
Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, FARRIN of Somerset, TIMBERLAKE of
Androscoggin, Representative: PAUL of Winterport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1015-A, sub-§4, ¶E** is enacted to read:

3 E. A constitutional officer may not intentionally give, offer or promise a contribution
4 to a gubernatorial or legislative candidate, or the staff or agent of a gubernatorial or
5 legislative candidate, unless the constitutional officer is eligible to vote or will be
6 eligible to vote on the day of the election in a district where the gubernatorial or
7 legislative candidate will appear on the ballot.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill provides that a constitutional officer may not make campaign contributions to
10 gubernatorial or legislative candidates unless those candidates will appear on the ballot in
11 the district where the constitutional officer is or will be eligible to vote on election day.