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**An Act to Limit the Requirements Regarding Leadership Political
Action Committees and to Promote Clean Election Transparency**

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1052-A, sub-§3, ¶E-1**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 217, §4,
3 is amended to read:

4 E-1. A certification of whether the committee is a leadership political action
5 committee. A current member of the Legislature is not required to form a leadership
6 political action committee if the political action committee's activities relate to
7 promoting or defeating a principle instead of promoting a candidate for a leadership
8 position. For purposes of this paragraph, "leadership position" means the presiding
9 officers of each House of the Legislature, party leaders, the Clerk of the House, the
10 Assistant Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the Senate and the Assistant Secretary
11 of the Senate; and

12 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 363, §4, is further
13 amended to read:

14 **4. Filing with commission.** A participating candidate must submit qualifying
15 contributions, receipt and acknowledgement forms, proof of verification of voter
16 registration and a seed money report to the commission during the qualifying period
17 according to this subsection and procedures developed by the commission, except as
18 provided under subsection 11. A report required under this subsection must contain the
19 itemized accounts of qualifying contributions received during that report filing period,
20 including the date a qualifying contribution was received, and the name, address,
21 occupation, principal place of business, if any, and amount of the qualifying contribution
22 of each person who has made a qualifying contribution.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill:

25 1. Provides that a current member of the Legislature whose political action committee's
26 activities relate to promoting or defeating a principle instead of promoting a candidate for
27 a leadership position is not required to form a leadership political action committee; and

28 2. Requires participating candidates in the Maine Clean Election Act to file a report
29 with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices that contains an
30 itemized accounting of qualifying contributions received and identifying information of
31 each person who has made a qualifying contribution.