## Maine State Legislature

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE 

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2023

An Act to Allow Replacement Candidates to Qualify for Certification Under the Maine Clean Election Act

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


Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§11, as enacted by IB 1995, c. $1, \S 17$, is amended to read:
11. Other procedures. The commission shall establish by rule procedures for qualification, certification, disbursement of fund revenues and return of unspent fund revenues for races involving special elections, recounts, vacancies, withdrawals or replacement candidates. The procedures established by the commission must allow a replacement candidate to begin obtaining qualifying contributions as soon as the vacancy has been declared and the replacement candidate has filed a declaration of intent to seek certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate and to comply with the requirements of this chapter according to forms and procedures developed by the commission.

## SUMMARY

This bill directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to establish procedures to allow replacement candidates to begin obtaining qualifying contributions as soon as the vacancy has been declared and the replacement candidate has filed a declaration of intent to seek certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate.

