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than suspended culture. Renewals may be granted if applied for no later than 30 days after the lapse of the prior lease. A lease renewal ~~shall be~~ is an adjudicatory proceeding under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter IV. Public notice ~~shall~~ must be given as required under subsection 6 of this section and a hearing ~~shall~~ must be held if it is requested in writing by 5 persons.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§12-A, ¶B, as amended by PL 1987, c. 453, §1, is further amended to read:

B. The commissioner may grant lease transfers if ~~he~~ the commissioner determines that:

- (1) The change in lessee does not violate any of the standards in subsection 7;
- (2) The transfer is not intended to circumvent the intent of subsection 8;
- (3) The transfer is not for speculative purposes; and
- (4) The transfer will not cause the transferee to be a tenant of any kind in leases covering an aggregate of more than 150 acres, except that the aggregate amount may be up to 200 acres when the leases are used exclusively for the aquaculture of marine organisms by methods other than suspended culture.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective June 30, 1995.

CHAPTER 384

H.P. 322 - L.D. 443

An Act to Reform Campaign Finance

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1013-A, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. No later than 10 days after becoming a candidate, as defined in section 1, subsection 5, a candidate for the office of State House of Representatives or Senate shall file in writing a statement declaring either that the candidate agrees to accept voluntary limits on political expenditures or that the candidate does not agree to accept voluntary limits on political expenditures, as specified in section 1015, subsections 7 to 9.

The statement filed by a candidate who voluntarily agrees to limit spending must state that the candidate knows the voluntary expenditure limitations as set out in section 1015, subsection 8 and that the candidate is voluntarily agreeing to limit the candidate's political expenditures and those made on behalf of the candidate by the candidate's political committee or committees, the candidate's party and the candidate's immediate family to the amount set by law. The statement must further state that the candidate does not condone and will not solicit any independent expenditures made on behalf of the candidate.

The statement filed by a candidate who does not agree to voluntarily limit political expenditures must state that the candidate does not accept the voluntary expenditure limits as set out in section 1015, subsection 8.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§§7 to 9 are enacted to read:

7. Voluntary limitations on political expenditures. A candidate may voluntarily agree to limit the total expenditures made on behalf of that candidate's campaign as specified in section 1013-A, subsection 1, paragraph C and subsections 8 and 9.

8. Political expenditure limitation amounts. Total expenditures in any election for legislative office by a candidate who voluntarily agrees to limit campaign expenditures as provided in subsection 7 are as follows:

A. For State Senator, \$25,000; and

B. For State Representative, \$5,000.

Expenditure limits are per election and may not be carried forward from one election to another. For calculation and reporting purposes, the reporting periods established in section 1017 apply.

9. Publication of list. The commission shall publish a list of the candidates for State Representative and State Senator who have agreed to voluntarily limit total expenditures for their campaigns as provided in section 1013-A, subsection 1, paragraph C.

For the purposes of subsections 7 and 8 and this subsection, "total expenditures" means the sum of all expenditures made to influence a single election that are made by a candidate or made on the candidate's behalf by the candidate's political committee or committees, the candidate's party or the candidate's immediate family.

See title page for effective date.
