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Public Law 2025, chapter 514 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 514 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 2000 An Act to Update the Campaign Finance Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 600 amends campaign finance laws as follows.

1. It increases the threshold amounts for financial transactions that require candidates, political action committees, ballot question committees and party committees to file 24-hour reports during the last 13 days before an election.
2. It extends the deadline for 24-hour reports for candidates so that the reports are due within 48 hours of the contribution or expenditure.
3. It increases the threshold amount that requires an independent expenditure report from spending in excess of \$250 to advocate for or against a candidate to spending in excess of \$1,000 per candidate.
4. It adds a section that clarifies what party committees must disclose in their campaign finance reports, including for each expenditure: the candidate or ballot measure; for a candidate, the office sought and the candidate's district; the date and amount of each expenditure; the purpose of each expenditure, including whether the expenditure was in support of or opposition to the candidate or ballot measure; and the name and address of each payee.
5. It adds party committees to the list of entities that are not included in the definition of "ballot question committee."
6. It adds a section extending the qualifying period for State Senate or State House of Representatives participating candidates who file with the commission a declaration of intent to seek certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate after January 15, 2026, to 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 600 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2007 An Act Regarding the Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes Games

Public Law 2025, chapter 645 clarifies that operating or promoting an online sweepstakes game constitutes "unlawful gambling" within the meaning of the Maine Criminal Code and establishes additional civil penalties related to that unlawful conduct.

Public Law 2025, chapter 645 impacts online games or contests that use a dual-currency system of payment and that simulate casino-style gaming, including, but not limited to, slot machines,