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An Act To Provide Additional Funding for the Maine Clean Election Act

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

G. Voluntary donations made directly to the fund; and

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶H, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

H. Fines collected under section 1020-A, subsection 4 and section 1127; and

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶I is enacted to read:

I. Payments made as reimbursement for independent expenditures supporting a participating candidate's campaign from a political action committee of which the participating candidate is a principal officer, primary fundraiser or decision maker as provided in section 1125, subsection 6-A.

Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Principal officer in a political action committee, independent expenditures.

A participating candidate who is a principal officer, primary fundraiser or decision maker in a political action committee that makes independent expenditures in support of candidates must disclose that participation to the commission on forms provided by the commission. An amount equal to the amount spent on independent expenditures by that political action committee in support of the election of the participating candidate who is a principal officer, primary fundraiser or decision maker of that political action committee must be paid to the commission for deposit in the fund.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that an amount of money equal to the amount spent on independent expenditures in support of the election of a participating candidate in the Maine Clean Election Act by a political action committee of which the participating candidate is a principal officer, primary fundraiser or decision maker must be paid to the Maine Clean Election Fund.