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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1014, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

6. Publicly funded advertisements. A candidate may not appear in any broadcast or newspaper advertisement that is paid for, in any amount, by a direct appropriation of state funds from the General Fund, the Highway Fund, a dedicated account or Other Special Revenue Funds. This prohibition applies from the time a person files a petition to become a candidate or is named a replacement candidate until the time of the election. A candidate who violates this subsection is subject to the penalties prescribed in subsection 4 for each broadcast or printing of the advertisement. This subsection does not apply to campaign advertisements paid for by disbursements from the Maine Clean Election Fund.’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment prohibits a candidate from appearing in radio, television or newspaper advertisements broadcast or published from the time that candidate becomes a candidate up to the election that are paid for, in any amount, by a direct appropriation of state funds. This prohibition does not apply to campaign advertisements paid for by disbursements from the Maine Clean Election Fund.