



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1523

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An Act To Improve the Maine Clean Election Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$162,478	(\$617,780)	\$275,478	(\$600,180)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$7,100	\$0	\$10,325	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill as amended, in response to the ruling of the United States Supreme Court, repeals requirements related to qualification for and distribution of matching funds. It also establishes an additional opportunity for legislative candidates in contested general election races to qualify for a supplemental payment and it repeals Resolve 2011, c. 89, which reduced the amount distributed during the 2012 election cycle to 5% less than the amount distributed during the 2010 election cycle. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices of \$162,478 in fiscal year 2011-12 and a deallocation of \$617,780 in fiscal year 2012-13 related to these provisions. This analysis assumes participation in the Maine Clean Elections process will decrease due to the elimination of matching funds. In order to qualify for a supplemental payment candidates must collect additional qualifying contributions, therefore Other Special Revenue Funds will increase by \$7,100 in fiscal year 2011-12.