



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 604(01)

An Act To Limit Maine Clean Election Act Funding to First-time Candidates

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Sirocki of Scarborough

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium savings - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill limits participating candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) to candidates running for the first time for Governor, State Senator or State Representative. The amount of savings will depend on the number of MCEA eligible candidates for Governor, State Senator and State Representative that have already run for that respective office. Based on 2014 MCEA payments from the Maine Clean Election Fund there would have been an approximate savings of \$4,910 and \$22,705 for each MCEA certified candidate for State Representative and State Senator, respectively, that did not become MCEA certified. No MCEA payments were made to candidates for Governor in 2014. No estimate is made at this time of the number of non-first-time candidates that would be barred from becoming MCEA certified.