



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 204

LR 660(01)

An Act To Prohibit Certain Activities by Maine Clean Election Act Candidates

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Mastraccio of Sanford

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 prohibits Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) candidates from establishing a political action committee (PAC) with the primary purpose of electing themselves to a leadership position in the State Senate or House of Representatives for which they are principal officers, fund-raisers or decision makers. The amount of savings will depend on the number of MCEA eligible candidates who choose to establish these PACs. 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 chose not to 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 candidates that might forego MCEA certification to establish these PACs moving forward.