



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1686

LR 2295(02)

An Act To Allow Maine Clean Election Act Funds To Be Used for Election Recounts

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Current law prevents a certified Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) candidate from using MCEA funding to pay any expenditures for a recount. This bill allows such a candidate to use previously distributed MCEA funds for the cost of eligible recount expenditures if a recount is requested by the candidate's opponent. To the extent that any MCEA funding is used for recount expenditures going forward, the amount of unused MCEA funding returned by candidates after an election is completed will be less than what would have been returned without this legislation. No estimate is made of the amount of MCEA funding that will be used for recount expenditures.