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An Act to Limit Eligibility Under the Maine Clean Election Act

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CHAPMAN of Auburn, DUCHARME of Madison, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FLYNN of Albion, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WOOD of Greene, Senators: BERNARD of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 211, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Declaration of intent.** A participating candidate shall file a declaration of intent to
5 seek certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate and to comply with the
6 requirements of this chapter. The declaration of intent must be filed with the commission
7 prior to or during the qualifying period, except as provided in subsection 11 or 11-A,
8 according to forms and procedures developed by the commission. Qualifying contributions
9 collected more than 5 business days before the declaration of intent has been filed will not
10 be counted toward the eligibility requirements in subsection 3 or 3-A. A candidate may
11 participate only once as a certified candidate for either House of the Legislature within a
12 15-year period.

13 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§5, ¶D-5**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 389, §52, is
14 amended to read:

15 D-5. Not submitted any fraudulent qualifying contributions or any falsified
16 acknowledgement forms for qualifying contributions or seed money contributions; ~~and~~

17 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§5, ¶D-6** is enacted to read:

18 D-6. Not participated as a certified candidate for office in the same House of the
19 Legislature within 15 years; and

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill limits participation as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate to once every 15
22 years for either House of the Legislature.