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**An Act to Allow Replacement Candidates to Qualify for
Certification Under the Maine Clean Election Act**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRS §1125, sub-§11**, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended
3 to read:

4 **11. Other procedures.** The commission shall establish by rule procedures for
5 qualification, certification, disbursement of fund revenues and return of unspent fund
6 revenues for races involving special elections, recounts, vacancies, withdrawals or
7 replacement candidates. The procedures established by the commission must allow a
8 replacement candidate to begin obtaining qualifying contributions as soon as the vacancy
9 has been declared and the replacement candidate has filed a declaration of intent to seek
10 certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate and to comply with the requirements
11 of this chapter according to forms and procedures developed by the commission.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to
14 establish procedures to allow replacement candidates to begin obtaining qualifying
15 contributions as soon as the vacancy has been declared and the replacement candidate has
16 filed a declaration of intent to seek certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate.