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An Act To Modify the Responsibilities of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§5, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §6, is amended to read:

5. Maine Clean Election Act and Maine Clean Election Fund. To administer and ensure the effective implementation of the Maine Clean Election Act and the Maine Clean Election Fund according to Title 21-A, chapter 14; and

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2005, c. 301, §1, is further amended to read:

6. Enhanced monitoring. To provide for enhanced monitoring and enforcement of election practices and the electronic submission of reports and computerized tracking of campaign, election and lobbying information under the commission's jurisdiction.; and

Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Advisory opinions. To issue advisory opinions at the written request of a person subject to the requirements of this chapter on an issue involving the duties of that person under this chapter.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to issue an advisory opinion at the request of a person with duties under the governmental ethics laws.