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Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

‘**Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§2, ¶¶B and C**, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, are amended to read:

B. ~~One~~Three thousand five hundred dollars for a candidate for the State Senate; or

C. ~~Five hundred~~One thousand dollars for a candidate for the State House of Representatives.’

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 11 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 11. Resolve 2011, c. 89** is repealed.

Sec. 12. Distributions for the 2012 and 2014 primary and general election cycles.

Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1125, subsection 8-A, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall distribute the following amounts to candidates for the Legislature for the 2012 and 2014 election cycles certified as Maine Clean Election Act candidates under Title 21-A, chapter 14:

1. For a candidate for the State House of Representatives:

A. In an uncontested election during the primary election cycle, \$0;

B. In a contested election during the primary election cycle, \$1,500; and

C. During the general election cycle, \$4,000; and

2. For a candidate for the State Senate:

A. In an uncontested election during the primary election cycle, \$0;

B. In a contested election during the primary election cycle, \$6,000; and

C. During the general election cycle, \$23,000.

Sec. 13. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL

Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414

Initiative: Allocates payments to candidates based upon repealing Resolve 2011, chapter 89, which reduced the amount distributed during the 2012 election cycle to 5% less than the amount distributed during the 2010 election cycle.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
All Other	\$245,835	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$245,835	\$0
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Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414

Initiative: Reduction in payments to candidates from eliminating matching funds.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
All Other	(\$473,001)	(\$927,880)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$473,001)	(\$927,880)

Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414

Initiative: Adjusts payments to candidates as a result of adjusting distributions during the 2012 and 2014 election cycles.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
All Other	(\$216,985)	\$234,356
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$216,985)	\$234,356

ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENT TOTALS		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
	(\$444,151)	(\$693,524)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$444,151)	(\$693,524)

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

Under current law, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices determines distribution amounts for candidates by looking at certain factors, including campaign expenditures from the Maine Clean Election Fund from the 2 previous election cycles. This amendment repeals the requirement that distributions during the 2012 election cycle must be reduced by 5% from the amounts distributed during the 2010 election cycle. This amendment provides a set amount for distributions for the 2012 and 2014 election cycles, including \$1,500 for candidates for the State House of Representatives

and \$6,000 for candidates for the State Senate in a contested election during the primary election cycle, which will be used when determining future distributions, and maintains the single distribution proposal included in the bill. The amendment also doubles the amount of seed money contributions legislative candidates may receive. It replaces the appropriations and allocations section of the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)