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An Act To Protect the Maine Clean Election Fund

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

G. Voluntary donations made directly to the fund; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶H, as amended by PL 2011, c. 389, §50, is further amended to read:

H. Fines collected under section 1020-A, subsection 4-A and section 1127-; and

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶I is enacted to read:

I. Revenue received by the commission under section 1129.

Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1129 is enacted to read:

§ 1129. Spending by political action committee or party committee in support of certified candidate

A political action committee as described in section 1052, subsection 5 or a party committee that makes an expenditure in support of a certified candidate or against an opponent of a certified candidate shall pay to the commission an amount equal to 10% of that expenditure. The commission shall deposit money received under this section in the fund.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a political action committee or party committee that makes an expenditure in support of a certified candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act or against an opponent of a certified candidate to pay to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices an amount equal to 10% of that expenditure for deposit in the Maine Clean Election Fund.