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An Act To Restrict Maine Clean Election Act Candidates from Seeking or Accepting Employment with Vendors

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6-G is enacted to read:

6-G. Prohibition on solicitation or acceptance of employment from vendor by certified candidate. A certified candidate may not solicit or accept employment from an individual, business entity or nonprofit entity to whom the candidate has paid a total of \$10,000 or more in seed money contributions or fund revenues for obligations incurred during a single election cycle. The prohibition in this subsection on soliciting or accepting employment begins on the date that the candidate is certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate under subsection 5 and ends 3 years after the end of the election cycle.

For purposes of this subsection, "business entity" has the same meaning as in subsection 6-C, paragraph B.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a Maine Clean Election Act candidate from soliciting or accepting employment from an individual, business or nonprofit entity to whom the candidate paid \$10,000 or more in connection with the candidate's campaign for office. This prohibition begins on the date that the candidate is certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate and ends 3 years after the date of the general election for that office.