



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1698

LR 1033(02)

An Act to Eliminate Private Donations to the Maine Clean Election Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$865,025	(\$1,816,475)	\$722,100	(\$3,776,664)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill eliminates private donations to the Maine Clean Election Fund (MCEF) and changes the total distribution amounts for candidates receiving funding under the Maine Clean Election Act by removing provisions regarding supplemental distribution amounts and instead providing one-time distributions to candidates. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices estimates that the net impact of these changes will require additional allocations in the MCEF of \$865,025 in the fiscal year 2023-24 and deallocations of \$1,816,475 in the fiscal year 2024-25. The MCEF has sufficient resources in the program to absorb these adjustments.

Additional costs to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services associated with eliminating the income tax checkoff to designate a donation to the MCEF are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.