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**An Act To Establish New Monetary Caps for Legislative Candidates
under the Maine Clean Election Act**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, PARRY of Arundel,
SANDERSON of Chelsea.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§8-C**, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 1, §25, is
3 amended to read:

4 **8-C. Distributions to participating candidates for State Senate.** Distributions
5 from the fund to participating candidates for the State Senate must be made as follows.

6 A. For an uncontested primary election, the total distribution of revenues is ~~\$2,000~~
7 \$1,333 per candidate.

8 B. For a contested primary election, the total distribution of revenues is ~~\$10,000~~
9 \$6,667 per candidate.

10 C. For an uncontested general election, the total distribution of revenues is ~~\$6,000~~
11 \$4,000 per candidate.

12 D. For a contested general election, the amount of revenues distributed is as follows:

13 (1) The initial distribution of revenues is ~~\$20,000~~ \$13,333 per candidate;

14 (2) For each increment of 45 additional qualifying contributions a candidate
15 collects and submits pursuant to subsection 8-E, not to exceed a total of 360
16 additional qualifying contributions, the supplemental distribution of revenues to
17 that candidate is ~~\$5,000~~ \$3,333; and

18 (3) The total amount of revenues distributed for a contested general election may
19 not exceed ~~\$60,000~~ \$40,000 per candidate.

20 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§8-D**, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 1, §25, is
21 amended to read:

22 **8-D. Distributions to participating candidates for State House of**
23 **Representatives.** Distributions from the fund to participating candidates for the State
24 House of Representatives must be made as follows.

25 A. For an uncontested primary election, the total distribution of revenues is ~~\$500~~
26 \$333 per candidate.

27 B. For a contested primary election, the total distribution of revenues is ~~\$2,500~~
28 \$1,667 per candidate.

29 C. For an uncontested general election, the total distribution of revenues is ~~\$1,500~~
30 \$1,000 per candidate.

31 D. For a contested general election, the amount of revenues distributed is as follows:

32 (1) The initial distribution of revenues is ~~\$5,000~~ \$3,333 per candidate;

33 (2) For each increment of 15 additional qualifying contributions a candidate
34 collects and submits pursuant to subsection 8-E, not to exceed a total of 120
35 additional qualifying contributions, the supplemental distribution of revenues to
36 that candidate is ~~\$1,250~~ \$833; and

1 (3) The total amount of revenues distributed for a contested general election may
2 not exceed ~~\$15,000~~ \$10,000 per candidate.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill decreases by 1/3 the amount of the distribution from the Maine Clean
5 Election Fund a participating candidate running for State Senator or State Representative
6 may receive under the Maine Clean Election Act.