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**An Act to Allow Expenditure of Maine Clean Election Act Funding  
for the Care of Candidates' Dependents**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, EATON of Deer Isle, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE  
of Auburn, MCCABE of Lewiston, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator:  
RENY of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 31, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **6. Restrictions on contributions and expenditures for certified candidates.** After  
5 certification, a candidate ~~must~~ shall limit the candidate's campaign expenditures and  
6 obligations, including outstanding obligations, to the revenues distributed to the candidate  
7 from the fund and may not accept any contributions unless specifically authorized by the  
8 commission. Candidates may also accept and spend interest earned on fund revenues in  
9 campaign bank accounts. All revenues distributed to a certified candidate from the fund  
10 must be used for campaign-related purposes. The candidate, the treasurer, the candidate's  
11 committee authorized pursuant to section 1013-A, subsection 1 or any agent of the  
12 candidate and committee may not use these revenues for any but campaign-related  
13 purposes. The candidate, the treasurer, the candidate's committee authorized pursuant to  
14 section 1013-A, subsection 1 or any agent of the candidate and committee may not use  
15 these revenues for post-election parties. This section does not prohibit a candidate from  
16 using personal funds for post-election parties as governed by rules of the commission. The  
17 commission shall publish guidelines outlining permissible campaign-related expenditures.

18 For the purposes of this section, "campaign-related purposes" includes paid caregiving  
19 services provided to the candidate or the candidate's spouse or domestic partner for the  
20 direct care of a dependent family member and for which the need for paid caregiving  
21 services is directly connected with the candidate's campaign activities during the election  
22 cycle and would not exist except for the candidate's campaign.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill allows a Maine Clean Election Act candidate to use Maine Clean Election  
25 Fund funds for paid caregiving services provided to the candidate or the candidate's spouse  
26 or domestic partner for the direct care of a dependent family member and for which the  
27 need for paid caregiving services is directly connected with the candidate's campaign  
28 activities during the election cycle and would not exist except for the candidate's campaign.