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An Act To Protect the Maine Clean Election Fund

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DAVITT of Hampden. (BY REQUEST)

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 I. Revenue received by the commission under section 1129.

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

11 **§1129. Spending by political action committee or party committee in support of**
12 **certified candidate**

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

18 **SUMMARY**

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