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In Senate, March 9, 2017

**An Act To Improve the Cost-efficiency of Funds Disbursed 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, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox,
Representatives: LUCHINI of Ellsworth, SCHNECK of Bangor.

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 2011, c. 389, §54, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **6. Restrictions on contributions and expenditures for certified candidates.** After
5 certification, a candidate must 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. Candidates may use a political party's nonprofit postage meter
10 for campaign mailings. All revenues distributed to a certified candidate from the fund
11 must be used for campaign-related purposes. The candidate, the treasurer, the candidate's
12 committee authorized pursuant to section 1013-A, subsection 1 or any agent of the
13 candidate and committee may not use these revenues for any but campaign-related
14 purposes. The commission shall publish guidelines outlining permissible campaign-
15 related expenditures.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill allows a candidate who receives funds under the Maine Clean Election Act
18 to use a political party's nonprofit postage meter for campaign mailings.