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**An Act To Require Maine Clean Election Act Candidates To
Purchase Services from Maine-based Companies**

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 BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, HANINGTON of Lincoln,
STETKIS of Canaan, SUTTON of Warren, TUELL of East Machias.

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. 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. If 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 uses these
15 revenues to purchase services, the services must be purchased from a business with an
16 office in this State unless no such business is available to provide the services. The
17 commission shall publish guidelines outlining permissible campaign-related expenditures.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill provides that services purchased by a candidate with funds from the Maine
20 Clean Election Fund must be purchased from a business with an office in this State unless
21 no such business is available to provide the services.