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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 452, L.D. 1309, Bill, “An Act To Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act”

Amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 8-A in the first line (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2011" and inserting the following: '2014 2015'

Amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 8-A in the 2nd line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "funds to be distributed" and inserting the following: '~~funds to be distributed~~ initial and supplemental distributions to be made'

Amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 8-B in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 3, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "candidates" the following: 'for elections prior to September 1, 2015'

Amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 8-C in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 3, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Senate" the following: 'for elections prior to September 1, 2015'

Amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 8-C in paragraph D in subparagraph (2) in the first line (page 4, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "45" and inserting the following: '30'

Amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 8-D in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 4, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Representatives" the following: 'for elections prior to September 1, 2015'

Amend the bill by adding after section 10 the following:

Sec. 11. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

Initiative: Provides funding for supplemental payments to Maine Clean Election Fund candidates.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
2	All Other	\$6,401,750	\$1,668,750
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4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$6,401,750</u>	<u>\$1,668,750</u>

5 **Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

6 Initiative: Provides funding for one limited-period project position to process additional
7 qualifying contributions and distributions.

8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
9	Personal Services	\$20,115	\$20,749
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11	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$20,115</u>	<u>\$20,749</u>

12	ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES,		
13	COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL		
14	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
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16	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$6,421,865	\$1,689,499
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18	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$6,421,865</u>	<u>\$1,689,499</u>
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20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment clarifies that the distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund
22 established by this bill are for the 2014 election cycle and that the Commission on
23 Governmental Ethics and Election Practices will use those distributions to make
24 determinations on future distributions in accordance with the guidelines established in
25 existing law that direct the commission to consider spending in the 2 previous elections
26 and the Consumer Price Index. This amendment also reduces the number of additional
27 qualifying contributions that will allow for distributions to candidates for Senate from
28 \$5,000 for every 45 additional qualifying contributions to \$5,000 for every 30 additional
29 qualifying contributions.

30 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

31 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

32 (See attached)