

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

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H.P. 522 - L.D. 833

**An Act to Establish Separate Inauguration and Transition Committees for a  
Governor-elect and to Limit Donations to Each**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1051**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 564, §1, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

**§1051. Gubernatorial ~~transition committee~~ inauguration and transition committees**

**Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1051, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 564, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. ~~Transition and inaugural activities~~ Inauguration committee; funding.** A person may solicit and accept donations for the purpose of financing costs related to the ~~transition to office and~~ inauguration of a Governor-elect. A person who accepts donations for ~~these purposes must~~ this purpose shall establish a committee and appoint a treasurer who is responsible for keeping records of donations and for filing a financial disclosure statement required by this section. All donations received must be deposited in a separate and segregated account and may not be commingled with any contributions received by any candidate or political committee ~~or~~, any personal or business funds of any person or donations received by a committee established under subsection 2-A. All donations received by the committee established under this subsection must be used for expenses related to the ~~transition to office or~~ inauguration; any surplus funds must be disposed of pursuant to subsection 7. A person may make donations to the committee established under this subsection aggregating no more than the amount that an individual may contribute to a gubernatorial candidate under Title 21-A, section 1015, subsection 1.

**Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §1051, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Transition committee; funding.** A person may solicit and accept donations for the purpose of financing costs related to the transition to office of a Governor-elect. A person who accepts donations for this purpose shall establish a committee and appoint a treasurer who is responsible for keeping records of donations and for filing a financial disclosure statement required by this section. All donations received must be deposited in a separate and segregated account and may not be commingled with any contributions

received by any candidate or political committee, any personal or business funds of any person or donations received by a committee established under subsection 2. All donations received by the committee established under this subsection must be used for expenses related to the transition to office; any surplus funds must be disposed of pursuant to subsection 7. A person may make donations to the committee established under this subsection aggregating no more than the amount that an individual may contribute to a gubernatorial candidate under Title 21-A, section 1015, subsection 1, except that the appropriation from the Governor-elect's Expense Account under Title 2, section 3 may be transferred, in whole or in part, to the committee established under this subsection.

**Sec. 4. 1 MRSA §1051, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 564, §1, is further amended to read:

**4. Limitation on fund-raising activity.** A committee established pursuant to this section may accept donations until March 31st of the year following the gubernatorial election. The commission may authorize the acceptance of donations after March 31st of the year following the gubernatorial election if ~~the~~ a committee requests such authorization in order to pay a debt or loan related to the transition to office for a committee established under subsection 2-A or inauguration for a committee established under subsection 2.