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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1263, L.D. 1966, “An Act to Allow Candidates for County Office to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Allow Candidates for District Attorney to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "county office" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 5 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "county office" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 6 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "county office" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

Amend the bill in section 4 in paragraph B in the first line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "county office" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

Amend the bill in section 5 in §1123 in the indented paragraph in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 29 and 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "county office" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "county office" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

Amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 2-C in the 2nd line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "county office" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

Amend the bill in section 8 in the blocked paragraph in the 4th line (page 2, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "county office" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

Amend the bill in section 9 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "county office" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Amend the bill in section 10 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by  
2 striking out the following: "county office" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

3 Amend the bill in section 11 in subsection 8-F in the 3rd line (page 2, line 33 in L.D.)  
4 by striking out the following: "county" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

5 Amend the bill in section 12 in subsection 10 in the 2nd line (page 3, line 4 in L.D.) by  
6 striking out the following: "county office" and inserting the following: 'district attorney'

7 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 13 and inserting the following:

8 '**Sec. 13. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

9 **15. Terms of participation for district attorney candidates.** The commission shall  
10 establish terms of participation for district attorney candidates that allow candidates to  
11 qualify and participate starting with the 2026 election cycle. The terms of participation  
12 established by the commission must set forth the seed money contribution limits, the  
13 number of qualifying contributions and distribution amounts and timing of distributions.  
14 When establishing the terms of participation, the commission shall consider the terms of  
15 participation for gubernatorial and legislative candidates set forth in this chapter, including  
16 an assessment of the difficulty of qualifying and distribution amounts available to  
17 participating House and Senate candidates and gubernatorial candidates relative to the  
18 population of House and Senate districts and the State. The commission shall also consider  
19 historical spending patterns for the various district attorney races in contested and  
20 uncontested primary and general elections, the population of the prosecutorial district, the  
21 recent historical competitiveness of district attorney candidates for the prosecutorial district  
22 and any other factors the commission determines to be consistent with the purposes of this  
23 chapter. The commission may establish different terms of participation that reasonably  
24 relate to differences in geographic area or population of prosecutorial districts within the  
25 State.'

26 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 14 and inserting the following:

27 '**Sec. 14. 21-A MRSA §1126**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 211, §5, is further  
28 amended to read:

29 **§1126. Commission to adopt rules**

30 The commission shall adopt rules to ensure effective administration of this chapter.  
31 These rules must include but may not be limited to procedures for obtaining qualifying  
32 contributions, certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate, circumstances  
33 involving special elections, recounts, collection of revenues for the fund, distribution of  
34 fund revenue to certified candidates, return of unspent fund disbursements, disposition of  
35 equipment purchased with clean election funds, terms of participation for district attorney  
36 candidates and compliance with the Maine Clean Election Act. Rules of the commission  
37 required by this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
38 subchapter 2-A.'

39 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
40 number to read consecutively.

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the title of the bill and allows candidates for the office of district attorney to participate in the Maine Clean Election Act beginning with the 2026 election cycle.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**