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S.P. 201

In Senate, February 26, 2015

An Act To Prohibit Maine Clean Election Act Candidates from Accepting Special Interest Money through a Political Party or Political Action Committee

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and

Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, CHIPMAN of Portland, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, LOCKMAN of Amherst, MAKER of Calais,

SANDERSON of Chelsea.

| 1  | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:                               |
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| 2  | Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6-F is enacted to read:                                       |
| 3  | 6-F. Participation in political action or party committees. A certified candidate           |
| 4  | may not establish a political action committee of which the candidate is a principal        |
| 5  | officer, fund-raiser or decision maker or act as a decision maker for a party committee     |
| 6  | with regard to independent expenditures of the committee in support of the election or      |
| 7  | defeat of a candidate for Governor, State Senate or State House of Representatives.         |
| 8  | SUMMARY   |
| 9  | This bill prohibits a certified candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act from           |
| 10 | establishing a political action committee of which the person is a principal officer, fund- |
| 11 | raiser or decision maker. A certified candidate is also prohibited from acting as a         |
| 12 | decision maker for a party committee with regard to independent expenditures in support     |
| 13 | of the election or defeat of a candidate for Governor, State Senate or State House of       |
| 14 | Representatives   |