

LD 804 An Act To Prohibit Clean Election Candidates from Using Clean Money for Personal Profit or Use ONTP

LD 804 proposed to prohibit a Maine Clean Election Act candidate or a family member of the candidate from using funds from the Maine Clean Election Fund for personal travel expenses and mileage or personal items

LD 822 An Act Regarding Fundraising for Clean Election and Traditional Candidates in Leadership Races ONTP

LD 822 proposed to allow a candidate for a legislative leadership position to raise up to \$10,000 in a calendar year for a leadership allowance to be used in the campaign for the leadership position. Contributions to a leadership allowance would be prohibited from exceeding \$250 and could not come from corporations, political action committees or lobbyists. As proposed by this bill, funds in a leadership allowance could not be used in campaigns for legislative seats. The leadership allowance would be available to both regular and Maine Clean Election Act candidates.

LD 855 An Act To Limit In-kind Contributions to Maine Clean Election Act Candidates ONTP

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-312) proposed to replace the bill. Under this amendment, if a candidate purchases campaign materials at a cost that is less than fair market value, the difference between the price paid and the fair market value is considered a contribution to the candidate. Fair market value would be determined using an index created by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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LD 882 An Act To Ensure Fair Distribution of Matching Funds under the ONTP
Maine Clean Election Act

LD 882 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposed to clarify when expenditures need to be reported and improve the enforcement power of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices in order to ensure fair and timely distribution of matching funds under the Maine Clean Election Act.

LD 944 An Act Regarding Independent Campaign Expenditures ONTP

LD 944 proposed to require that independent expenditures made during the 10 days preceding an election in races involving a Maine Clean Election Act candidate be reported to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices 48 hours before the expenditure is actually made.

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LD 1171 An Act To Amend the Clean Election Law Regarding Disclaimers ONTP
on Advertising

LD 1171 proposed requiring a candidate who is a Maine Clean Election Act candidate to have a disclaimer on communications that state that the communication was paid for by the citizens of the State and authorized by the candidate.

LD 1207 An Act To Improve the Clean Election Laws ONTP

LD 1207 proposed requiring donors to make qualifying contributions under the Maine Clean Election Act directly to the candidate, the amount of which must be deducted from the clean election funds distributed to the candidate.

LD 1239 An Act To Promote Clean Elections in Maine ONTP

LD 1239 proposed allowing State Senators and State Representatives to run for leadership positions in the Legislature as Maine Clean Election Act candidates. The candidate would already have to be certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate for the general election and file a letter of intent with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices after certification for the general election to become certified as a candidate for a leadership position. A certified candidate for a leadership position in the Legislature would receive \$1,000 for a candidate for State Senator and \$3,000 for a candidate for State Representative. A Maine Clean Election Act candidate who receives funds to campaign for a leadership position would not be able to accept or expend any other funds for that election. This bill proposed to prohibit a Maine Clean Election Act candidate for State Senator or State Representative from serving as an officer or having control over a political action committee that contributes to a campaign in the State. This bill also proposed to require candidates for leadership positions to register with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices within 3 days of becoming a candidate for the leadership position and to submit reports to the commission as required by rules adopted by the commission.

LD 1562 An Act To Create Optional Public Financing of Legislative ONTP

Leadership Elections

LD 1562 proposed allowing Maine Clean Election Act financing for candidates in legislative leadership races. The candidate for a leadership position would already be a Maine Clean Election Act candidate. A candidate for a Senate leadership position would be required to obtain 9 signatures from members of the candidate's party who were nominated to seats in the Senate, and a candidate for a leadership position in the House of Representatives would be required to collect 38 signatures from members of the candidate's party who were nominated to seats in the House of Representatives. A Maine Clean Election Act candidate who wishes to run for a leadership position would be able to collect up to \$1,000 in seed money. As proposed, a Maine Clean Election Act leadership candidate would receive \$5,000 to spend on the leadership campaign and would not be allowed to contribute to a candidate, campaign, political committee or political action committee during the leadership campaign. A Maine Clean Election Act leadership candidate could not be an officer of or have control over a political action committee under this bill.