

Bills proposed in the 126th Legislature to amend the Maine Clean Election Act which were not enacted

A full legislative history for these bills is not included in this history. Rather, each bill is listed with its LD number, title, and summary information.

LD 410, An Act To Revise the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Participation in Political Action Committees

This bill prohibits a certified candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act from establishing a political action committee for which the candidate is a principal officer, fund-raiser or decision maker.

LD 921, Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Improve Public Access to Campaign Finance Information

This resolve requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to make readily available a list of all publicly available campaign finance information for a candidate on the commission's publicly accessible website, including all sources of campaign funds for the candidate and all campaign expenditures made on the candidate's behalf by a 3rd party.

LD 1077, An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act and Campaign Finance Laws

This bill removes the contribution limits placed on a person who wishes to contribute directly to the campaign of a candidate for the Legislature, Governor or other state or local offices. It also amends the Maine Clean Election Act by eliminating the requirement that participants must collect \$5 qualifying contributions. In order to qualify for distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund, a candidate need only be certified as a candidate under the process governed by the Secretary of State and by filing a declaration of intent by April 1st of the election year. Under this bill, a participating candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act is not prohibited from accepting contributions from outside sources. The bill also provides that there are not distinctions made between enrolled and unenrolled candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act.

LD 1309, An Act To Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act

This bill makes the following changes to the Maine Clean Election Act.

1. It doubles the current seed money cap for participating Senate and House candidates and removes the seed money requirement for gubernatorial candidates.

2. It replaces the Maine Clean Election Act matching funds system with a system of optional supplemental funding for participating Maine Clean Election Act candidates who collect additional qualifying contributions.

3. It also establishes new baseline initial distribution amounts.

LD 1494, An Act To Alter the Distribution of Maine Clean Election Act Funds

This bill decreases the number of qualifying contributions required for legislative and gubernatorial candidates to collect to become certified as Maine Clean Election Act candidates. It provides that candidates may continue to collect qualifying contributions in order to receive supplemental distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund. The bill establishes a maximum amount of total distributions from the fund for all candidates. Finally, the bill establishes the amount of initial distributions for the 2014 election cycle.

LD 1543, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.