An Act To Protect the Maine Clean Election Fund

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

Presented by Representative DAVITT of Hampden. (BY REQUEST)
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

G. Voluntary donations made directly to the fund; and

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶H, as amended by PL 2011, c. 389, §50, is further amended to read:

H. Fines collected under section 1020-A, subsection 4-A and section 1127; and

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶I is enacted to read:

I. Revenue received by the commission under section 1129.

Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1129 is enacted to read:

§1129. Spending by political action committee or party committee in support of certified candidate

A political action committee as described in section 1052, subsection 5 or a party committee that makes an expenditure in support of a certified candidate or against an opponent of a certified candidate shall pay to the commission an amount equal to 10% of that expenditure. The commission shall deposit money received under this section in the fund.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a political action committee or party committee that makes an expenditure in support of a certified candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act or against an opponent of a certified candidate to pay to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices an amount equal to 10% of that expenditure for deposit in the Maine Clean Election Fund.