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House of Representatives, February 1, 2011

An Act To Ensure the Integrity of Laws Governing Clean Elections by Amending Provisions Regarding Equipment Repurchase

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

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Presented by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton. Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CLARK of Easton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, EDGECOMB of Caribou, HARMON of Palermo, HARVELL of Farmington, LONG of Sherman, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

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15. Disposition of property or equipment. If a candidate sells property or
equipment that has been purchased for the candidate's campaign using Maine Clean
Election Act funds to the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family or
campaign staff, the property or equipment must be sold for at least 75% of the original
purchase price.

SUMMARY

9 Under rules adopted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election 10 Practices, a candidate who receives Maine Clean Election Act funds and sells property 11 purchased using those funds to the candidate or a family member or staff member must 12 receive at least 40% of the original purchase price for that property. Property that is sold 13 to someone other than the candidate or a family member or staff member must be sold at 14 fair market value.

15 This bill specifies that the amount received from the candidate or a family member or 16 staff member for the purchase of such property must be at least 75% of the original 17 purchase price.