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## **Resolve, To Reduce Funding to Maine Clean Election Act Candidates**

**Sec. 1 Funding reduced for Maine Clean Election Act candidates. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 14 and Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part NNNN, the amount distributed to certified candidates for the Legislature by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Clean Election Act during the 2010 election cycle must be equal to the amount distributed to certified candidates for the Legislature by the commission during the 2008 election cycle; and be it further

**Sec. 2 Distributions to certified candidates; rules. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part NNNN, sections 1 to 3, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall distribute Maine Clean Election Act funds to certified legislative candidates in accordance with section 1 and to gubernatorial candidates in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1125. The commission shall also establish rules to implement Title 21-A, section 1125, subsection 13. The rules must set forth procedures for certified Maine Clean Election Act candidates to accept and spend contributions if the commission determines that revenues in the Maine Clean Election Fund are insufficient to make distributions to certified candidates. Rules adopted in accordance with this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The commission shall publish the adopted rules on its publicly accessible website and in a guidebook distributed to certified candidates. The commission shall report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs by February 15, 2010 on how the distributions provided by Title 21-A, chapter 14 are to be made; and be it further

**Sec. 3 Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

### **ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL**

#### **Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

Initiative: Reduces funding for Maine Clean Election Act candidates.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	(\$353,000)	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$353,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>