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Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 11 and 12 in amendment) and inserting the following:

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation makes changes to the Maine Clean Election Act for funding of gubernatorial candidates, including increasing seed money contributions; and

Whereas, the window within which prospective candidates for the 2010 gubernatorial race must make a decision concerning whether to accept Maine Clean Election Act funds is closing rapidly; and

Whereas, in order for a prospective gubernatorial candidate to make a fully informed decision regarding participation as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate, it is imperative that the changes made by this legislation take effect as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Amend the amendment in section 1 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 1, line 16 in amendment) by striking out the following: "November 1st" and inserting the following: '~~November 1st~~October 15th'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 14 the following:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to Committee Amendment "A."

This amendment also changes the start date of the qualifying period for gubernatorial candidates from November 1st to October 15th.