



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1774

LR 2682(02)

An Act Regarding the Matching Funds Provisions of the Maine Clean Election Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,245,909	(\$927,880)	\$1,000,074	(\$927,880)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$14,775	\$0	\$14,775	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation, in response to the ruling of the United States Supreme Court, repeals requirements related to qualification for and distribution of matching funds. It also establishes additional chances for legislative candidates in contested general election races to qualify for supplemental funds and it repeals Resolve 2011, c. 89, which reduced the amount distributed during the 2012 election cycle to 5% less than the amount distributed during the 2010 election cycle. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices of \$1,245,909 in fiscal year 2011-12 and a deallocation of \$927,880 in fiscal year 2012-13 related to these provisions. This analysis assumes participation in the Maine Clean Elections process will decrease due to the elimination of matching funds. In order to qualify for supplemental funds candidates must collect additional qualifying contributions, therefore Other Special Revenue Funds will increase by \$14,775 in fiscal year 2011-12.