



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1774

LR 2682(05)

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

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment " "**

**Sponsor: Sen. Patrick of Oxford**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$635,479	\$310,100	\$748,479	\$327,700
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$30,750	\$0	\$33,975	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This floor amendment, 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 an additional opportunity for legislative candidates in contested general election races to qualify for a supplemental payment 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 incremental impact as compared to the original bill is an increase in Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices of \$635,479 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$310,100 in fiscal year 2012-13 and an increase in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue of \$30,750 in fiscal year 2011-12. This analysis assumes participation in the Maine Clean Elections process will decrease due to the elimination of matching funds.