



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 532

LR 379(01)

**An Act To Prohibit Maine Clean Election Act Candidates from Accepting Special Interest Money through a Political Party or Political Action Committee**

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin**

**Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential current biennium savings - Other Special Revenue Funds

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill prohibits Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) candidates from establishing a political action committee (PAC) for which they are principal officers, fund-raisers or decision makers and from acting as a decision maker for a party committee with regard to independent expenditures of the committee in support of the election or defeat of a candidate for Governor, State Senate or State House of Representatives. The amount of savings will depend on the number of MCEA eligible candidates who choose to engage in these actions. Based on 2014 MCEA payments from the Maine Clean Election Fund, there would have been an approximate savings of \$4,910 and \$22,705 for each MCEA certified candidate for State Representative and State Senator, respectively, that chose not to become MCEA certified. No MCEA payments were made to candidates for Governor in 2014. No estimate is made at this time of the number of candidates that might forego MCEA certification to engage in these actions moving forward.