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An Act To Define Campaign Communications Requiring Matching Clean Election Funding

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Communications triggering matching funds. If a communication displays the name or photograph of a candidate and the opposing candidate is a certified candidate, the commission immediately shall issue funds to the opposing candidate equal to the amount of the funds expended for the communication. For purposes of this subsection, "communication" means any political statement or publication directed at the public by any means, including electronic, video, audio or printed materials.

SUMMARY

This bill requires matching funds be disbursed to a candidate certified under the Maine Clean Election Act in the amount of the cost of a political communication that contains the name or photograph of the candidate's opponent.