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An Act To Increase the Allowable Contributions to Traditionally Funded Campaigns

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §10, is further amended to read:

1. Individuals. An individual may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than ~~\$500~~\$2,000 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate or, more than ~~\$250~~\$500 in any election for any other candidate for the State Senate or the State House of Representatives or more than \$250 for any other candidate. This limitation does not apply to contributions in support of a candidate by that candidate or that candidate's spouse or domestic partner.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §11, is further amended to read:

2. Committees; corporations; associations. A political committee, political action committee, other committee, firm, partnership, corporation, association or organization may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than ~~\$500~~\$2,000 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate or, more than ~~\$250~~\$500 in any election for any other candidate for the State Senate or the State House of Representatives or more than \$250 for any other candidate.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the amount of allowable contributions to the campaigns of candidates for the State Senate and the State House of Representatives who do not participate in Maine Clean Election Act funding from \$250 to \$500 and the amount of allowable contributions to the campaigns of candidates for Governor who do not participate in Maine Clean Election Act funding from \$500 to \$2,000.