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An Act To Reduce the Number of Qualifying Contributions Required for Special Elections under the Maine Clean Election Act

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

B. For a candidate for the State Senate in a regular election, at least 150 verified registered voters from the candidate's electoral division must support the candidacy by providing a qualifying contribution to that candidate, and 75 verified registered voters must provide a qualifying contribution if it is a special election; or

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

C. For a candidate for the State House of Representatives in a regular election, at least 50 verified registered voters from the candidate's electoral division must support the candidacy by providing a qualifying contribution to that candidate, and 25 verified registered voters must provide a qualifying contribution if it is a special election.

SUMMARY

This bill reduces the amount of qualifying contributions required under the Maine Clean Election Act for special election candidates for the State Senate and the State House of Representatives to 75 contributions from registered voters for the Senate candidate and 25 contributions from registered voters for the House of Representatives candidate.