



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Increase the Required Number of Qualifying Contributions Gubernatorial Candidates Must Obtain To Qualify as Maine Clean Election Act Candidates

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Stover of Boothbay

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	(\$1,656,175)	(\$1,545,800)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	(\$40,000)	(\$48,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill increases the number of qualifying contributions from 3,200 to 6,000 that verified registered voters must make to a gubernatorial candidate for that candidate to be certified as a Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) candidate. Based on historical participation levels in the program, it is likely that fewer gubernatorial candidates will qualify for funding as a result of the increased threshold within the qualifying period. This reduction in gubernatorial candidates will reduce anticipated spending from the Maine Clean Election Fund (MCEF) by \$1,656,175 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$1,545,800 in fiscal year 2022-23. Because fewer gubernatorial candidates may seek funding and will not collect qualifying contributions, revenue to the MCEF will also decrease by \$40,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$48,000 in fiscal year 2022-23.