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House of Representatives, February 19, 2019

An Act To Make Clean Election Filing Deadlines Consistent for All Candidates

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, EVANGELOS of Friendship,
HANDY of Lewiston, MAREAN of Hollis, PLUECKER of Warren, RISEMAN of Harrison,
SYLVESTER of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§10**, as amended by IB 2015, c. 1, §26, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **10. Candidate not enrolled in a party.** An unenrolled candidate for the Legislature
5 who submits the required number of qualifying contributions and other required
6 documents under subsection 4 by 5:00 p.m. on ~~April 20th~~ June 1st preceding the primary
7 election and who is certified is eligible for revenues from the fund in the same amounts
8 and at the same time as an uncontested primary election candidate and a general election
9 candidate as specified in subsections 7, 8-C and 8-D. Revenues for the general election
10 must be distributed to the candidate as specified in subsection 7. An unenrolled candidate
11 for Governor who submits the required number of qualifying contributions and other
12 required documents under subsection 4 by 5:00 p.m. on ~~April~~ June 1st preceding the
13 primary election and who is certified is eligible for revenues from the fund in the same
14 amounts and at the same time as an uncontested primary election gubernatorial candidate
15 and a general election gubernatorial candidate as specified in subsections 7 and 8-B.
16 Revenues for the general election must be distributed to the candidate for Governor as
17 specified in subsection 7.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill changes the date on which a candidate who is not enrolled in a party must
20 file to participate in the Maine Clean Election Act from April 20th to June 1st for a
21 candidate for the Legislature and from April 1st to June 1st for a candidate for Governor.
22 Current law provides that a nomination petition must be filed in the office of the
23 Secretary of State by June 1st.