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An Act To Amend Requirements for Participation of Gubernatorial Candidates 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-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Required seed money contributions for gubernatorial candidates. A participating candidate for Governor must raise seed money contributions totaling at least \$10,000.

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

A. For a gubernatorial candidate, at least ~~2,500~~3,500 verified registered voters of this State must support the candidacy by providing a qualifying contribution to that candidate;

SUMMARY

Under current law, in order to qualify under the Maine Clean Election Act, a participating candidate for Governor must obtain qualifying contributions from at least 2,500 verified registered voters. This bill increases the number of necessary qualifying contributions to 3,500. In addition, this bill requires that a participating candidate for Governor raise seed money contributions totaling at least \$10,000.