



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Youngblood of Penobscot

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$6,371,865	\$1,674,499	\$3,067,895	\$798,761
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$4,500,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$4,719,600	\$72,075	\$101,016	\$33,154

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation establishes an opportunity for legislative and gubernatorial candidates to qualify for a supplemental payment. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices will require an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$6,351,750 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$1,653,750 in fiscal year 2014-15 to distribute these payments. In order to qualify for a supplemental payment candidates must collect additional qualifying contributions, therefore Other Special Revenue Funds revenue will increase by \$219,600 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$72,075 in fiscal year 2014-15. The Commission will also require an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$20,115 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$20,749 in fiscal year 2014-15 for one limited-period Project position to process additional qualifying contributions and distributions. Additionally, the commission will require a revenue transfer from the General Fund of \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 to fund these payments.