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An Act To Increase Transparency in Campaign Funding in Legislative Elections

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin Cosponsored by Representative TURNER of Burlington and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, VALENTINO of York, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, O'CONNOR of Berwick, RUSSELL of Portland, SIROCKI of Scarborough. 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§5, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §6, is amended to 3 read:

5. Maine Clean Election Act and Maine Clean Election Fund. To administer and
ensure the effective implementation of the Maine Clean Election Act and the Maine
Clean Election Fund according to Title 21-A, chapter 14; and

7 Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2005, c. 301, §1, is further
 8 amended to read:

6. Enhanced monitoring. To provide for enhanced monitoring and enforcement of
 election practices and the electronic submission of reports and computerized tracking of
 campaign, election and lobbying information under the commission's jurisdiction-: and

12 Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

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7. Online campaign finance information. To provide campaign finance
 information for legislative elections on a publicly accessible website, including all
 contributions and independent expenditures used to support or oppose a candidate, sorted
 by candidate and district.

## SUMMARY

18 This bill requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to 19 provide campaign finance information for legislative elections on a publicly accessible 20 website, including all contributions and independent expenditures used to support or 21 oppose a candidate, sorted by candidate and district.