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**STATE OF MAINE
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129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 861, L.D. 1187, Bill, “An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Candidates and Political Action Committees”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Legislative Candidates'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414**

Initiative: Provides appropriations for contracted services to expand random post-election audits to 20% of candidates who did not receive Maine Clean Election Act funding.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$0	\$52,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$52,000

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill and title. Under current practice, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices uses funding from the Maine Clean Election Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1124 to contract with independent auditors to

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 conduct random post-election audits of 20% of the legislative candidates who are
2 certified as Maine Clean Election Act candidates. The amendment provides an ongoing
3 General Fund appropriation to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election
4 Practices to contract with independent auditors to conduct random post-election audits of
5 20% of legislative candidates who are not certified as Maine Clean Election Act
6 candidates.

7 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

8 **(See attached)**