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In Senate, January 14, 2025

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifying Contributions of
Cash Under the Maine Clean Election Act**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, GROHOSKI of Hancock, HICKMAN of Kennebec,
Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MALON of Biddeford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§3, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 323, §29, is
3 amended to read:

4 F. A contributor may make a qualifying contribution to a participating candidate in the
5 form of cash, ~~as long as the contributor signs a form prepared by the commission~~
6 ~~affirming that the contributor made the contribution with personal funds.~~ A candidate
7 receiving qualifying contributions in cash shall submit the contributions to the
8 commission in the aggregate in the form of a cashier's check or money order payable
9 to the fund. The candidate may not deposit qualifying contributions received in cash
10 into the candidate's campaign account.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill eliminates the requirement that contributors making qualifying contributions
13 in the form of cash to a participating candidate in the Maine Clean Election Act sign a form
14 affirming that the contributor made the contribution with personal funds.