



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
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To: Commission  
From: Martha Currier, Assistant Director  
Date: October 25, 2022  
Re: Proposed Rulemaking: Addendum Regarding Post-Election Parties

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The proposed rulemaking memo dated October 20, 2022 inadvertently omitted the removal of post-election parties from our Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) rules, which this memo seeks to correct. Due to a recent statute change to 21-A M.R.S. § 1125(6), MCEA candidates may no longer use public campaign funds to pay for post-election parties. The staff proposing adding the following rule amendment to the proposed major substantive rulemaking. Thank you.

### **CHAPTER 3, SECTION 7. LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN EXPENSES**

A certified candidate shall:

1. limit the candidate's campaign expenditures and obligations to the applicable Clean Election Act Fund distribution amounts;
2. not accept any contributions unless specifically authorized in writing to do so by the Commission in accordance with the Act [§1125(2) and §1125(13)];
3. use revenues distributed from the Fund only for campaign-related purposes as outlined in guidelines published by the Commission, and not for personal or any other use;
4. not use revenues distributed from the Fund to purchase goods to sell for profit;
5. not spend more than the following amounts of Fund revenues on **post-election parties**, thank you notes, or advertising to thank supporters or voters:
  - A. \$250 for a candidate for the State House of Representatives;
  - B. \$750 for a candidate for the State Senate; and
  - C. \$2,500 by a gubernatorial candidate.

The candidate may also use his or her personal funds for these purposes;

6. not use revenues distributed from the Fund for the payment of fines, forfeitures, or civil penalties, or for the defense of any enforcement action of the Commission; and
7. not make any payment of more than \$50 in cash. Payments of more than \$50 in *Maine Clean Election Act* funds must be made by check, debit or credit card or wire transfer.