

Maine Clean Election Act Overview 2000 - 2016

◆ PARTICIPATION BY LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

	MCEA Candidates in General Election	Total Candidates in General Election	Percentage of MCEA Candidates
2000	116	350	33%
2002	231	370	62%
2004	308	391	78%
2006	313	386	81%
2008	303	373	81%
2010	295	385	77%
2012	242	384	63%
2014	199	378	53%
2016	227	357	64%

◆ PARTICIPATION BY ELECTED LEGISLATORS

	Percentage of Legislators Who Participated in the MCEA
120 th Legislature	33%
121 st Legislature	60%
122 nd Legislature	78%
123 rd Legislature	84%
124 th Legislature	85%
125 th Legislature	80%
126 th Legislature	70%
127 th Legislature	58%
128 th Legislature	64%

◆ RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY POLITICAL CAUCUS

	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
House (D)	94% (140/149)	89% (130/146)	82% (117/143)	77% (105/137)	80% (115/143)
House (R)	70% (92/131)	68% (98/145)	41% (61/148)	22% (32/144)	45% (60/134)
Senate (D)	83% (29/35)	82% (28/34)	88% (29/33)	80% (28/35)	79% (26/33)
Senate (R)	75% (26/33)	94% (33/35)	68% (23/34)	43% (15/35)	56% (19/34)
Green, Unenrolled	67% (14/21)	27% (7/26)	46% (12/26)	63% (19/30)	54% (7/13)

◆ PARTICIPATION BY CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

	MCEA Candidates in Primary Election Only	MCEA Candidates in General Election
2002	James Libby (R)	Jonathan Carter (G)
2006	Peter Mills (R)	Barbara Merrill (U) Chandler Woodcock (R) Pat LaMarche (G)
2010	Patrick McGowan (D) Peter Mills (R)	Elizabeth Mitchell (D)
2014	Gubernatorial Program Suspended for 2014	

◆ TOTAL PAYMENTS TO MCEA CANDIDATES*

Election Year	Legislative	Gubernatorial	Total
2000	\$965,608	N/A	\$965,608
2002	\$2,088,899	\$1,216,669	\$3,305,568
2004	\$2,799,617	N/A	\$2,799,617
2006	\$3,347,775	\$3,534,615	\$6,882,390
2008	\$2,954,035	N/A	\$2,954,035
2010	\$3,301,006	\$2,999,774	\$6,300,780
2012	\$2,102,850	N/A	\$2,102,850
2014	\$1,990,380	N/A	\$1,990,380
2016	\$3,343,830	N/A	\$3,343,830

*Payment totals are amounts that candidates were authorized to spend (before any return of unspent funds).

◆ FUNDING LEVELS FOR MCEA CANDIDATES IN THE 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

	Basic Payment Only	1 Supp. Payment	2 Supp. Payments	3 Supp. Payments	4 Supp. Payments	5 Supp. Payments	6 Supp. Payments	7 Supp. Payments	8 Supp. Payments
HOUSE CANDIDATES per level (Total candidates = 179)	63	32	32	15	10	9	8	2	8
Amount per candidate	\$5,000	\$6,250	\$7,500	\$8,750	\$10,000	\$11,250	\$12,500	\$13,750	\$15,000
Total amount per level	\$278,556	\$200,000	\$239,997	\$131,250	\$100,000	\$101,250	\$100,000	\$27,500	\$120,000
SENATE CANDIDATES per level (Total candidates = 48)	9	12	3	3	8	4	0	2	7
Amount per candidate	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$60,000
Total amount per level	\$165,995	\$299,980	\$90,000	\$105,000	\$320,000	\$180,000	\$0	\$110,000	\$420,000
Total payments to House candidates for the general election	Total payments to Senate candidates for the general election		Total payments to all MCEA candidates for the general election						
\$1,298,553	\$1,690,975		\$2,989,528						

Note: All MCEA candidates in the 2016 general election received a basic payment for the general election. Some replacement candidates and all unopposed candidates received basic payments that were less than the amounts indicated above. Candidates in contested races were eligible for up to eight supplemental ("Supp.") payments. Unopposed candidates were not eligible for supplemental payments.