

Chapter 1: PROCEDURES

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SECTION 6(7)

7. For the purposes of the limitations imposed by 21-A M.R.S.A. §1015(1), 21-A M.R.S.A. §1015(2), 21-A M.R.S.A. §1015(3), 21-A M.R.S.A. §1018-B and 21-A M.R.S.A. §1056, the following guidelines shall apply:
- A. ~~For a~~All contributions received through the day of the primary election by candidates enrolled in a political party, are deemed to be received for the primary election, unless the candidate shall designate the contribution for the general election on the applicable campaign finance report ~~whether the candidate received the contribution for the primary or the general election~~. If a candidate receives a contribution before the primary election and designates it for the general election, the candidate must deposit the contribution in an account that is separate from all funds received for the primary election and may not use the contribution in any way to promote the candidate's nomination in the primary election.
 - A-1. For an election determined by ranked-choice voting, the day of the primary election is deemed to be the date on which the Secretary of State submits the tabulation of election results to the Governor, pursuant to Title 21-A, section 722.
 - B. ~~Notwithstanding division (c) below, if~~ a candidate loses in the primary, all contributions made to that candidate for the purpose of liquidating debts and liabilities associated with the candidate's candidacy are deemed to be made in the primary election.
 - C. All contributions made to a general election candidate from the day after the primary election through the date of the general election are deemed to be made for the general election.
 - D. ~~Notwithstanding division (c) below, a~~All contributions made after the general election to a general election candidate for the purpose of reducing debts and liabilities associated with the candidate's candidacy are deemed to be made in the general election.
 - E. After the day of a candidate's last election, A~~all~~ contributions made ~~after the day of the general election~~ to a candidate who has liquidated all debts and liabilities associated with that election are deemed to be made in support of the candidate's candidacy for a subsequent election.
 - F. Subparagraphs A through E above shall apply to any write-in candidate who has qualified under 21-A M.R.S.A. §723, or who has received contributions or made expenditures with the intent of qualifying as a candidate.

G. Candidates (including Maine Clean Election Act candidates) may receive donations for purposes of a recount of an election or to challenge the results of a recount. The donations must be within the limitations of 21-A M.R.S.A. § 1015, except that no limitation applies to donations from party committees and caucus campaign committees and from attorneys, consultants and their firms that are donating their services without reimbursement.

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