

Maine Clean Election Act Overview 2006 – 2022

◆ PARTICIPATION BY LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

	MCEA Candidates in General Election	Total Candidates in General Election	Percentage of MCEA Candidates
2006	313	386	81%
2008	303	373	81%
2010	295	385	77%
2012	242	384	63%
2014	199	378	53%
2016	227	357	64%
2018	206	373	55%
2020	192	348	55%
2022	214	359	60%

◆ PARTICIPATION BY ELECTED LEGISLATORS

	Percentage of Legislators Who Participated in the MCEA
123rd Legislature	84%
124th Legislature	85%
125th Legislature	80%
126th Legislature	70%
127th Legislature	58%
128th Legislature	64%
129th Legislature	63%
130th Legislature	59%
131st Legislature	62%

◆ RATE OF PARTICIPATION BY POLITICAL CAUCUS

	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
House (D)	77% (105/137)	80% (115/143)	77% (107/139)	71% (96/135)	77% (102/133)
House (R)	22% (32/144)	45% (60/134)	27% (37/138)	32% (40/126)	35% (48/137)
Senate (D)	80% (28/35)	79% (27/33)	86% (31/36)	74% (26/35)	80% (28/35)
Senate (R)	43% (15/35)	56% (19/34)	56% (18/32)	67% (22/33)	71% (25/35)
Green, Unenrolled	63% (19/30)	54% (7/13)	46% (13/28)	42% (8/19)	58% (11/19)

◆ 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	
2018	Garrett Paul Mason (R) Elizabeth Sweet (D)	Teresea Hayes (U)
2022	No Gubernatorial Candidates Qualified for Funding in 2022	

◆ TOTAL PAYMENTS TO MCEA CANDIDATES*

Election Year	Legislative	Gubernatorial	Total
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	\$3,344,830	N/A	\$3,344,830
2018	\$3,552,017	\$2,723,011	\$6,275,028
2020	\$3,868,858	N/A	\$3,868,858
2022	\$4,568,030	N/A	\$4,568,030

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

◆ FUNDING LEVELS FOR MCEA CANDIDATES IN THE 2022 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 = 160)	26	20	18	20	12	14	10	7	33
Amount per candidate	\$5,475	\$6,850	\$8,225	\$9,600	\$10,975	\$12,350	\$13,725	\$15,100	\$16,475
SENATE CANDIDATES per level (Total candidates = 54)	4	5	6	8	5	4	4	6	12
Amount per candidate	\$21,850	\$27,325	\$32,800	\$38,275	\$43,750	\$49,225	\$54,700	\$60,175	\$65,650
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						
\$1,709,968.10	\$2,510,150.59		\$4,220,118.69						

Note: All MCEA candidates in the 2022 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.

Revenue to Maine Clean Election Fund in Fiscal Years 2019-2022

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Annual Transfer from General Fund	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Taxpayer Checkoff	\$139,434	\$137,091	\$134,535	\$139,707
Deposit of Qualifying Contributions	\$46,123	\$147,677	\$77,049	\$165,515
Interest Earned in MCE Fund	\$69,710	86,209.26	25,145.55	30,165.34
Civil Penalties	\$7,075	\$3,490	\$7,214	\$712
Misc-Income	\$1,546	\$1,307	\$4,594	\$0
Contributions to MCE Fund	\$380	\$140	\$728	\$890
Registration Fees (error)	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$265,468	\$3,375,914	\$3,249,266	\$3,336,989

Notes

In a 2015 citizen initiative, voters approved an increase in the annual transfer to \$3 million.

The annual transfer for FY 2019 was provided in FY 2018 to avoid a shortfall.

Accountants in DAFS make deposits for the Commission and code the revenue types.

Commission staff is seeking clarification on Misc-Income for 2/28/2023 meeting.