



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
AND ELECTION PRACTICES  
135 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0135

To: Commission  
From: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director  
Date: May 17, 2024  
Re: Recommended Finding of Violation and \$100 Penalty against Hon. Joseph Galletta

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**Duty to register as a candidate.** Under 21-A M.R.S.A. § 1013-A(1)(A), candidates for state office are required to appoint a treasurer within 10 days of becoming a candidate. Within 10 days of appointing a treasurer, they must register as a candidate with the Commission. Registration is not difficult. They can register by filling out a simple online form (no login required) or use a paper form available on our website (attached). For your information, sections 2-A, 3, and 4 of the paper form are optional, and Section 6 does not apply to most candidates. The registration is helpful for public disclosure and also results in an eFiling status that is necessary for campaign finance reporting.

**2024 Registrations received to date.** Most candidates are aware of the registration requirement through prior campaign experience or because they have heard about it from other candidates or the political parties. The Commission staff has diligently tried to get all 2024 candidates for legislative and county office to register by sending them notices and registration forms, and sometimes by calling (when phone numbers are accessible). To date, 327 House candidates and 79 Senate candidates have registered for the 2024 elections, along with 83 candidates for District Attorney and county offices.

**Efforts to Request Registration by State Rep. Joseph Galletta**

*Letters.* On March 13, 2024, State Rep. Joseph Galletta qualified as a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives, District 98. On March 19, April 1, and April 10, 2024, Candidate Registrar Lorrie Brann sent him three letters by U.S. Mail requesting that he register as a candidate. The letters included the paper form for his convenience.

The second letter alerted Rep. Galletta to the possibility of a financial penalty if he did not respond. The third letter notified him that if he did not register the Commission could assess a \$100 penalty at its meeting on May 29, 2024.

*Phone calls and email.* Commission staff also made multiple phone calls to obtain Rep. Galletta's registration:

- On April 9, 2024, Assistant Director Martha Currier left a voicemail at the phone number on record with the Commission.
- On or around April 24, 2024, Lorrie Brann left a voicemail for Rep. Galletta with the receptionist at his workplace.
- On May 14, 2024, I left him a voicemail at the phone number on record with the Commission, followed by an email later that day (attached).
- On May 14, 2024, I called Rep. Galletta's workplace and asked to speak to him. I told the receptionist I was calling from the State of Maine about his reelection campaign. She put me on hold and talked to him. When she returned, she said Rep. Galletta had asked that I provide a name and phone number. I provided our office number, the names of our candidate registrars, and a message he needed to register. He did not respond.

In spite of these efforts by Commission staff, Rep. Galletta has not registered.

**Recommendation by Commission staff.** The Commission staff recommends that you find that Rep. Galletta violated 21-A M.R.S.A. § 1013-A(1)(A) by failing to timely register with the Commission and assess a \$100 penalty, pursuant to 21-A M.R.S. § 1020-A(1). For your information, at an [April 27, 2022 meeting](#) the Commission assessed a \$100 penalty against two candidates (Timothy Keenan and Howard Patten) for not registering in spite of multiple contacts by Commission staff.

Thank you for your consideration of this item.



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March 19, 2024

Hon. Joseph C. Galletta  
14 Collins Way  
Durham, ME 04222

Re: Registering with the Ethics Commission

Dear Rep. Galletta:

You are listed as a candidate for the Legislature with the Secretary of State's office. The Maine Election Law requires that candidates also register with the Ethics Commission before raising or spending any money for their campaigns.

You may complete the enclosed registration form and return it to our office or you may register online by going to [www.mainecampaignfinance.com](http://www.mainecampaignfinance.com) and clicking the "Sign In/Register" link. Please be aware if you register online you are still required to print, sign and return the registration materials to the Ethics Commission.

If you do not plan on raising or spending any money, or if you intend on withdrawing from the race after the primary election, you still have to register with the Commission. Some candidates may request an exemption from filing campaign finance reports if they do not plan to raise or spend any money. Please see Item 6 on the Candidate Registration form.

If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact me at 287-4727 or [lorrie.j.brann@maine.gov](mailto:lorrie.j.brann@maine.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lorrie J. Brann".

Lorrie J. Brann,  
Candidate Registrar

Enclosure



## 2024 CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

**Notice:** Changes to registration information must be filed within 10 days in writing or by email to the Commission.

Is this an amendment?    Yes    No

1. CANDIDATE INFORMATION			
Financing Type:		<input type="checkbox"/> Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Traditionally Financed
Title (optional): <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mx. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Hon.	Gender (optional): <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> X	Party Affiliation:	Office Sought & District Number:
Name: First	MI or Middle Name	Last	
Mailing Address:			Public Phone:
City:	ZIP Code:	Alternate Phone (Commission use only):	
Email (Required):			

2. TREASURER INFORMATION			
Name: First	MI or Middle Name	Last	Phone:
Mailing Address:			
City:	ZIP Code:	Email (Required):	

**DESIGNATION OF TREASURER:** A candidate for office must appoint a treasurer no later than 10 days after becoming a candidate, and before accepting contributions, making expenditures or incurring obligations. No later than 10 days after appointing a treasurer, the candidate must register with the Commission the name and address of the candidate and treasurer. The treasurer is responsible for maintaining campaign records and for filing reports. A MCEA candidate may serve as treasure for no more than 14 days following the date of registration. (21-A MRSA §§ 1013-A and 1125(12-A))

2A. DEPUTY TREASURER INFORMATION (optional)			
Name: First	MI or Middle Name	Last	Phone:
Mailing Address:			
City:	ZIP Code:	Email (Required):	

**DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY TREASURER (optional):** The candidate may appoint a deputy treasurer and notify the Commission no later than 10 days after the appointment. The deputy, when acting in the absence of the treasurer, has the same powers and responsibilities as the treasurer. A MCEA candidate may serve as deputy treasurer for no more than 14 days following the date of registration. (21-A MRSA §§ 1013-A and 1125(12-A)) (21-A MRSA § 1013-A (1)(A)(1))

3. AUTHORIZED AGENT INFORMATION (optional)		
Name:	Phone:	Email (Required):
Name:	Phone:	Email (Required):

**DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED AGENT (optional):** Please use this section to designate individuals, other than the treasurer and deputy treasurer, authorized to file reports on your behalf.

4. POLITICAL COMMITTEE INFORMATION (optional)		
Name:	Phone:	
Address of Campaign Headquarters:	City:	ZIP Code:

**DESIGNATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE (optional):** The candidate may form a political or campaign committee. Within 10 days of forming the committee and before accepting contributions, making expenditures or incurring obligations, the candidate must:

- appoint a treasurer (the candidate may have only one treasurer who is listed in Section 2) and
- register the committee and its officers, if any are appointed, with the Commission. (21-A MRSA § 1013-A (1) (B))

**Committee Officers (use additional pages, if necessary):**

Name:	Title:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	City:	ZIP Code: Email:

Name:	Title:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	City:	ZIP Code: Email:

5. CERTIFICATION	
I, _____, certify that the information in this registration is true, accurate and complete. (Print Candidate's Full Name)	
Signature of Candidate: _____	Date: _____

6. REPORTING EXEMPTION REQUEST	
<b>Only county and municipal candidates, and legislative candidates in an uncontested primary election may request an exemption.</b>	
A candidate may request an exemption from the obligation to appoint a treasurer and file campaign finance reports if the candidate does not accept any cash or in-kind contributions or make any expenditures for his or her campaign. You cannot request a reporting exemption if you use your or your spouse's/domestic partner's personal funds to pay for your campaign expenses. To request an exemption, complete the statement below and sections 1 & 5, have the form notarized, and submit it to the Commission.	
<b>STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR A REPORTING EXEMPTION:</b> I, the undersigned, swear or affirm that I will not accept contributions, make expenditures or incur obligations associated with my candidacy.	
Signature of Candidate: _____	Date: _____
Subscribed and sworn (affirmed) to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____	
Signature of Notary/Attorney-at-law: _____ (Seal is optional)	My commission expires: _____ (Date)
<b>REVOCATION NOTICE:</b> The foregoing statement may be revoked. Prior to revocation, the candidate must appoint a treasurer. A revocation notice must be in the form of an amended registration which must be filed with the Commission no later than 10 days after the date the treasurer is appointed. The notice must be filed before contributions are accepted or expenditures made. A late revocation notice is subject to the same penalties applicable to late campaign finance reports.	



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**SECOND NOTICE**

April 1, 2024

Hon. Joseph C. Galletta  
14 Collins Way  
Durham, ME 04222

Re: Registering with the Ethics Commission

Dear Rep. Galletta:

This letter is to follow up on correspondence sent to you on March 19, 2024 regarding your candidacy for the Maine Legislature. Maine election law requires candidates to:

- register with the Ethics Commission, and
- file campaign finance reports with the Ethics Commission.

These requirements apply even if you intend to withdraw as a candidate after the primary election. Failure to register and to file campaign finance reports could result in financial penalties against you.

**If you do not register as a candidate, you may be found in violation and assessed a financial penalty at the Commission's next meeting.**

Please complete the enclosed Candidate Registration form and return it to this office. Or, go to [www.mainecampaignfinance.com](http://www.mainecampaignfinance.com) and click on the "Register" link to register online (print, sign, and return the registration materials to the Ethics Commission by mail or email).

If you do not plan to raise or spend any money, you may be eligible for an exemption from filing campaign finance reports. Please see Box 6 on the Candidate Registration form.

If you have any questions about these requirements, please call me at 287-4727 or email me at [lorrie.j.brann@maine.gov](mailto:lorrie.j.brann@maine.gov). Our website ([www.maine.gov/ethics](http://www.maine.gov/ethics)) also has campaign forms and guides and other information that you may find useful.

Sincerely,

Lorrie J. Brann,  
Candidate Registrar

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Office Sought & District Number:			
Name: First	MI or Middle Name	Last	
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Name: First	MI or Middle Name	Last	
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5. CERTIFICATION	
I, _____, certify that the information in this registration is true, accurate and complete. (Print Candidate's Full Name)	
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Signature of Candidate: _____	Date: _____
Subscribed and sworn (affirmed) to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____	
Signature of Notary/Attorney-at-law: _____ (Seal is optional)	My commission expires: _____ (Date)
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April 10, 2024

Hon. Joseph C. Galletta  
14 Collins Way  
Durham, ME 04222

Re: **FINAL NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER**

Dear Rep. Galletta:

This letter is to follow up on notices sent to you previously requesting you register with the Maine Ethics Commission because you qualified for the primary election as a legislative or county candidate, which is a legal requirement for all (including placeholder) candidates. (21-A M.R.S. § 1013-A(1)(A))

You must register as a candidate with this office no later than twenty (20) business days from when you started your campaign, which includes when you requested and received your ballot petition paperwork. (21-A M.R.S. § 1013-A(1)(A)) Please register as a candidate no later than April 24, 2024 after which date your name will be placed on the agenda of the Commission's May 29, 2024 meeting for consideration of a finding of legal violation and the assessment of a \$100 penalty.

The easiest way to avoid a penalty is to register promptly. Registration is easy. You can register online at [www.mainecampaignfinance.com](http://www.mainecampaignfinance.com) and click on the 'Register/Sign In' button on the top right corner of the page. Paper forms can be downloaded from [www.maine.gov/ethics](http://www.maine.gov/ethics) under the 'Candidates' tab and then 'Forms and Guides.' A registration form is also included with this letter.

Finally, as a primary election candidate, you are required to file campaign finance reports. Certain candidates may request an exemption from filing if they do not plan to raise or spend any money.

If you have any questions, please call me at 287-4727 or email me at [lorrie.j.brann@maine.gov](mailto:lorrie.j.brann@maine.gov).

Sincerely,

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Signature of Candidate: _____	Date: _____
Subscribed and sworn (affirmed) to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____	
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**From:** [Wayne, Jonathan](#)  
**To:** [joeychris66@yahoo.com](mailto:joeychris66@yahoo.com)  
**Cc:** [Currier, Martha](#); [Aube, Julie](#); [Brann, Lorrie J](#)  
**Subject:** \$100 Penalty for Not Registering as a Candidate  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:11:00 AM

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Rep. Galletta,

This email follows up on the voicemail I left you earlier today.

You are scheduled to be assessed a civil penalty of \$100 for not registering as a candidate for re-election to the Maine House of Representatives, when the Ethics Commission meets on May 29, 2024.

Please call our office at 287-4179 right away and ask how to register, so that you can avoid this penalty.

Thank you.

Jonathan Wayne  
Executive Director  
Maine Ethics Commission

## 21-A M.R.S. § 1013-A. Registration (shading added for emphasis)

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**1. Candidates, their treasurers and political committees.** A candidate shall register the candidate's name and the name of a treasurer with the commission at least once in each legislative biennium, as provided in this section. A candidate may have only one treasurer, who must be appointed pursuant to paragraph A or B. For purposes of this section, "legislative biennium" means the term of office a person is elected to serve in the Legislature.

**A.** No later than 10 days after becoming a candidate and before accepting contributions, making expenditures or incurring obligations, a candidate for state or county office or a candidate for municipal office who has not filed a written notice in accordance with section 1011, subsection 4, paragraph A shall appoint a treasurer. The candidate may serve as treasurer, except that a participating candidate, as defined in section 1122, subsection 6, or a candidate certified in accordance with section 1125 may not serve as treasurer, except that the candidate may serve as treasurer or deputy treasurer for up to 14 days after declaring an intention to qualify for campaign financing under chapter 14 until the candidate identifies another person to serve as treasurer. The candidate may have only one treasurer, who is responsible for the filing of campaign finance reports under this chapter. A candidate shall register the candidate's name and address and the name and address of the treasurer appointed under this section no later than 10 days after the appointment of the treasurer. A candidate may accept contributions personally or make or authorize expenditures personally, as long as the candidate reports all contributions and expenditures to the treasurer. The treasurer shall make a consolidated report of all income and expenditures and provide this report to the commission.

(1) A candidate may appoint a deputy treasurer to act in the absence of the treasurer. The deputy treasurer, when acting in the absence of the treasurer, has the same powers and responsibilities as the treasurer. A candidate certified in accordance with section 1125 may not serve as deputy treasurer. When a treasurer dies or resigns, the deputy treasurer may not assume the position of treasurer unless the candidate appoints the deputy treasurer to the position of treasurer. The candidate shall report the name and address of the deputy treasurer to the commission no later than 10 days after the deputy treasurer has been appointed.

**B.** A candidate may authorize one political committee to promote the candidate's election. No later than 10 days after appointing a political committee and before accepting contributions, making expenditures or incurring obligations, a candidate for state, county or municipal office shall appoint a treasurer of the political committee. The treasurer of the political committee is responsible for filing campaign finance reports under this chapter. No later than 10 days after appointing a political committee, the candidate shall register with the commission the following information regarding the political committee:

- (1) The name of the committee;
- (2) The name and address of the committee's treasurer;
- (3) The name of the candidate who authorized the committee; and
- (4) The names and addresses of the committee's officers.

**C.** No later than 10 days after becoming a candidate, as defined in section 1, subsection 5, a candidate for the office of State House of Representatives or Senate may file in writing a statement declaring that the candidate agrees to accept voluntary limits on political expenditures or that the candidate does not agree to accept voluntary limits on political expenditures, as specified in section 1015, subsections 7 to 9. A candidate who has filed a declaration of intent to become certified as a candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act is not required to file the written statement described in this paragraph.

The statement filed by a candidate who voluntarily agrees to limit spending must state that the candidate knows the voluntary expenditure limitations as set out in section 1015, subsection 8 and that the candidate

is voluntarily agreeing to limit the candidate's political expenditures and those made on behalf of the candidate by the candidate's political committee or committees, the candidate's party and the candidate's immediate family to the amount set by law. The statement must further state that the candidate does not condone and will not solicit any independent expenditures made on behalf of the candidate.

The statement filed by a candidate who does not agree to voluntarily limit political expenditures must state that the candidate does not accept the voluntary expenditure limits as set out in section 1015, subsection 8.

**2. Authorized political committees.** Repealed

**3. Party committees.** The district, county and municipal committees of parties shall submit to their state party committees the names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of all their officers and of their treasurers and the name and address of the principal paid employee, if any, within 10 days after the appointment, election or hiring of these persons. Municipal committees shall file copies of the same information with the municipal clerk. No later than June 15th of each year, the state party committee shall submit to the commission a consolidated report of the names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of the chair and treasurer of the district, county and municipal committees of that party or of another officer if a chair or treasurer has not been appointed.

**4. Reporting by registered treasurers.** Any contribution accepted and any expenditure made or authorized by or on behalf of a candidate registered under this section or qualified under sections 335 and 336 or sections 354 and 355 must be recorded and reported as provided in sections 1016 and 1017.

**5. Changes in registration information.** Every change in information required by this section to be reported to the commission shall be reported within 10 days of the date of the change.

## **21-A M.R.S. § 1020-A. Failure to file on time**

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- 1. Registration.** A candidate that fails to register the name of a candidate, treasurer or political committee with the commission within the time allowed by section 1013-A, subsection 1 may be assessed a forfeiture of \$100. The commission shall determine whether a registration satisfies the requirements for timely filing under section 1013-A, subsection 1.

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