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To: Interested Parties
From: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director
Date: June 3, 2025
Re: Invitation to Comment on Proposed Rule Amendments

The Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices invites comments on proposed amendments to Chapter 1 of the department's rules, entitled Procedures. The proposed amendments are posted in the notices section of the Commission's [home page](#). The Chapter 1 rules are routine technical. The amendments are proposed pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §§ 1003(1) and 1014(5-C).

The proposed changes would update agency rules to reflect P.L. 2025, Chapter 593, which requires paid communications to the public containing images or audio of a candidate that have been misleadingly manipulated or altered to contain a specific disclosure statement. The rule would implement 1 M.R.S. § 1014(5-C) by providing guidance on the duration and size of the statement. The law would also implement 2026 changes to 1 M.R.S. § 1019-B by increasing the spending threshold for independent expenditure reports from spending \$250 per candidate to spending \$1,000 per candidate. P.L. 2025, Chapter 600. The changes will not impact small businesses.

To comment, please participate in a public hearing later this month or submit written comments. The hearing will be part of the Commission's June 24, 2026 meeting, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission's office at 45 Memorial Circle in Augusta. To participate in the hearing by Zoom, please email Julie.Aube@maine.gov by 12:00 p.m. on the day before the hearing. To comment in writing, please send comments to Julie.Aube@maine.gov no later than July 8, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about the rulemaking or would like to request copies of the proposed amendments, you may also contact Ms. Aube at the above email address or by calling (207) 287-4179. Thank you.