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To: Interested Parties
From: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director
Date: September 2, 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).

The proposed changes would: update agency rules to be consistent with P.L. 2019, ch. 534 (contributions by lobbyists), statutory changes in P.L. 2025, ch. 181 (contributions to unenrolled candidates) and P.L. 2025, ch. 9 (introducing a new statutory definition, public communication); authorize agency staff to provide informal legislative ethics advice; recognize that a candidate has received a contribution when another person has republished the candidate's campaign materials; eliminate an original signature requirement for campaign finance complaints; reflect current practice in notifications of public meetings; and make uniform citations to the Election Law. The Commission anticipates no adverse economic impact on 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 September 24, 2025 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 October 6, 2025.

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.