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The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1543, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices."

The Democrat majority should have listened to the objections of Republicans on this bill. In a time when tax increases are being forced on the Maine people, letting these rules to go into effect would allow politicians to spend taxpayer dollars on parties after their elections. While I have objections to the entire concept of welfare for politicians, I must ask: why can we not all agree that taxpayer dollars should not subsidize post-election parties? Is that truly the best use of the money we take from hardworking Mainers? For me, the answer is no.

For these reasons, I return LD 1543 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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