

LD 1043

Change Package Update

May 11, 2011

Please eliminate the following change to Part A, Section 1 of LD 1043 that was submitted as part of the first change package:

Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on Governmental

**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS & ELECTION PRACTICES - COMMISSION ON
0414**

Initiative: Reduces funding for the reduction of the transfer from taxes imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8 to the Clean Elections program from the elimination of Clean Election Funding for gubernatorial candidates.

	2011-12	2012-13
Other Special Revenue Funds		
All Other	(\$900,000)	(\$900,000)
Total	(\$900,000)	(\$900,000)

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 1043:

Health and Human Services, Department of

MEDICAL CARE – PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS 0147

Initiative: Reduces funding by extending the implementation date of the conversion of hospital prospective interim payments for hospital outpatient services to an ambulatory patient classification methodology to January 1, 2012.

	2011-12	2012-13
General Fund		
All Other	(\$9,345,730)	
Total	(\$9,345,730)	
	2011-12	2012-13
Federal Expenditures Fund		
All Other	(\$16,098,677)	
Total	(\$16,098,677)	

Please amend Part NNN to LD 1043:

CURRENT

PART NNN

Sec. NNN-1. 1 MRSA §603 is enacted to read:

§ 603. Electronic publication of legal notices

Notwithstanding any other section of law, beginning July 1, 2013, a state agency may not publish in a newspaper any legal notice, legal advertising or any other matter required by law to be published in a newspaper but instead must post the notice on a publicly accessible website maintained by the State. Notices must continue to be posted according to the time frames that exist in law for newspaper publication. For the purposes of this section, "state agency" means any unit of State Government including any state board or commission but not including the Legislature, the Judicial Department, the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy.

Sec. NNN-2. Report to recommend exemptions. The Secretary of State and the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall jointly examine current requirements for publication of legal notices in a newspaper and report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The Secretary of State and the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall contact all state agencies, including all boards and commissions but not including the Legislature, the Judicial Department, the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy, to determine all instances of legal notice publication requirements existing in the Maine Revised Statutes and request recommendations from those agencies regarding which notices should continue to be published in a newspaper after July 1, 2013. The Secretary of State and the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall jointly submit a report based on the recommendations from the state agencies, along with any necessary implementing legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 15, 2012, and the committee is authorized to report out legislation to enact those recommendations.

REVISED

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Sec. NNN-3. Appropriations. The following appropriations are made.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - STATEWIDE 0016

Initiative: Reduces funding for the advertising of legal notices in newspapers.

	2011-12	2012-13
General Fund		
All Other		(\$200,000)

SUMMARY

PART NNN

This amendment changes the effective date to July 1, 2012 and applies these provisions to the legislative and judicial branches and all state agencies. It also recognizes General Fund savings in fiscal year 2012-13.

Please eliminate Part RRR of LD 1043 that was submitted as part of the first change package.

Please add the following new Part RRR to LD 1043

NEW PART RRR

Sec. RRR-1. Transfer from unappropriated surplus; Maine Budget Stabilization Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$9,000,000 during fiscal year 2011-12 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

SUMMARY

PART RRR

This change does the following:

Continues the contribution limits for gubernatorial campaigns at the current levels and continues Maine Clean Election Act funding for gubernatorial candidates.

Transfers \$9,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund during fiscal year 2011-12.

Please amend Part SSS to LD 1043 by deleting Section SSS-2.

SUMMARY

PART SSS

This amendment deletes the requirement that the State Controller transfer \$1,500,000 from the Maine Clean Elections Fund to General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 2011-12.

Add the following new Part KKKK to LD 1043

NEW PART KKKK

Sec. KKKK-1. 20-A MRS-A §852, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2009, c. 62, §1 is amended to read:

3. Transfer of assets and liabilities. The University of Maine System may transfer any assets and liabilities acquired pursuant to this section in order to unify operation in a nonprofit, nonstock private corporation, referred to in this section as "the corporation." The University of Maine System retains a reversionary interest in the university's assets as provided for in the articles of incorporation of that corporation. ~~An annual appropriation for operating, constructing, equipping, maintaining, improving and replacing facilities of the corporation must be made in amounts sufficient to ensure delivery of broadcast sources throughout the State.~~

Sec. KKKK-2. Appropriations. The following appropriations are made.

MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION

MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION 0033

Initiative: Eliminates funding for the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

	2011-12	2012-13
General Fund		
All Other	(\$1,954,235)	(\$1,954,235)

SUMMARY
PART KKKK

This Part removes the requirement for an annual appropriation for Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

FISCAL NOTE

APPROPRIATIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

	2011-12	2012-13
General Fund		
Part A, Section 1	(\$9,345,730)	
Part NNN, Section 3		(\$200,000)
Part KKKK, Section 2	(\$1,954,235)	(\$1,954,235)
Federal Expenditures Fund		
Part A, Section 1	(\$16,098,677)	

UNDEDICATED REVENUE

	2011-12	2012-13
General Fund		
Part RRR, Section 9	(\$900,000)	(\$900,000)

ADJUSTMENT TO BALANCE

General Fund Unappropriated Surplus

	2011-12	2012-13
General Fund		
Part RRR, Section 1	(\$9,000,000)	
Part SSS, Section 2	(\$1,500,000)	