The First Regular Session of the 128th Maine Legislature was full of twists and turns. Ultimately, MCCE and our supporters defeated all the bills attacking Clean Elections and transparency, and secured funding for Clean Elections in the state budget.

With MCCE’s expanded mission, we also participated in the defense of Ranked Choice Voting. Despite a negative opinion from the Maine Supreme Court, Ranked Choice Voting remains on the books for now.

We were disappointed with the outcomes for our proactive bills to ban legislator-controlled PACs and lobbyist contributions, as well as to establish Automatic Voter Registration in Maine. We will take the lessons learned from the session and continue to fight for these reforms.

What was not disappointing was the great lessons learned from the session and continue to fight for these reforms.

A note on this voting record: when the House or Senate takes initial votes on a bill, members are voting on one of the “reports” that have come from the committee with jurisdiction. For example, a bill that came out of committee with 6 committee members voting in support, and 7 in opposition, would have a Majority Ought Not To Pass Report, and a Minority Ought To Pass Report. In the situation of such a “divided committee report,” the first thing the House or Senate must do is “choose which report it will consider. If the House votes to accept a report different from the report that MCCE supported, MCCE disapproves of the “nay” vote. This can be confusing, because what shows up as a “nay” vote procedurally is actually a vote in favor of the bill as endorsed by MCCE. So depending on the procedural situation, a “nay” vote is sometimes good—even though we support the bill. Confused? Don’t despair! Here are the colors on the voting record provided—green means support of MCCE’s position, red means opposition, and white means the legislator didn’t vote on that bill.

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