

By Mr. Lees, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 348) of Brian P. Lees and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation relative to mayoral candidates' reports to the office of campaign and political finance. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CAMPAIGN REPORTING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 18 of chapter 55, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edi-
2 tion is hereby amended by deleting the first paragraph and
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

4 Section 18. Each candidate and each treasurer of a political
5 committee shall file with the director or, if the candidate seeks
6 public office at a city or town election, or if the committee is
7 organized for the purpose of a city or town election, with the city
8 or town clerk, reports of contributions received and expenditures
9 made on forms to be prescribed by the director. A candidate for
10 nomination or election to the office of mayor in a city and any
11 non-elected political committee organized on behalf of such can-
12 didate, who files such reports in accordance with clause (b), shall
13 file a copy of any such report with the director. A committee orga-
14 nized under the provisions of section five to favor or oppose a
15 question submitted to the voters shall file its reports with the
16 director if the question appears on ballots at a state election, or
17 with the city or town clerk if the question appears on ballots at a
18 city or town election or for use in a city or town at a state election.

