

HOUSE No. 1731

By Mr. Doherty, petition of Charles C. Costello for a biennial appropriation of state funds to defray expenses for television time for constitutional officers who are the nominees of the Democratic and Republican parties. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

AN ACT TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF TELEVISION TIME FOR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES.

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

1 The commonwealth shall appropriate biennially a
2 total of one hundred thousand dollars to compensate
3 the two major television networks located in Boston
4 for time made available to the nominees of the Demo-
5 cratic and Republican parties for the five constitutional
6 offices to debate jointly their respective qualifications
7 for office on five separate occasions in each of the five
8 weeks immediately prior to the biennial gubernatorial
9 election.

