

By Mr. Murphy of Brockton, petition of John F. X. Davoren (Secretary of the Commonwealth), Paul Maurice Murphy and another that political committees be authorized to expend funds for alcoholic beverages and providing for surplus funds to be placed in savings accounts. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING A POLITICAL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND MONEY FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND PLACE ITS SURPLUS FUNDS IN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT AND EARN INTEREST THEREON.**

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

1 Chapter 55 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out section 5, as inserted by section 10 of chapter 437  
3 of the acts of 1946, and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following section: —

5 *Section 5.* Political committees, duly organized, may receive,  
6 pay and expend money or other things of value for the  
7 following purposes, and no others: advertising, writing, printing  
8 and distributing circulars or other publications, radio broadcasts  
9 or other forms of publicity, hire and maintenance of political  
10 headquarters, and clerical hire incidental thereto, meetings,  
11 refreshments, alcoholic beverages, cigars and tobacco, decora-  
12 tions and music, postage, stationery, printing, expressage, trav-  
13 eling expenses, telephone, telegraph and messenger service, and  
14 the hire of conveyances and workers at polling places.

15 Such committee may place surplus funds in a savings ac-  
16 count in the same bank where it deposits its funds and may  
17 earn interest thereon but it may not invest its funds or other  
18 things of value in any other manner.

19 Such committee may contribute to other political commit-  
20 tees and may contribute to the personal fund of a candidate. A  
21 political committee or a candidate may hire conveyances or  
22 workers at primaries or elections, but not more than two

23 persons at each polling place shall be hired to represent the  
24 same political party, candidate or principle.

25 Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished  
26 by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of  
27 not more than five hundred dollars.