

By Mr. Lapointe of Chicopee, petition of Francis C. Lapointe, Thomas F. Brownell, Wilfred P. Beauchesne, Robert S. Teahan, Joseph F. Timilty and another relative to establishing spending limits for candidates for municipal office. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MEDIA SPENDING LIMITS FOR CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

*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 20 of chapter 55 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the third and fourth paragraphs as  
3 appearing in SECTION 1 of chapter 151 of the acts of 1975, and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraphs:—

5 No candidate for election to the following public offices of the  
6 commonwealth shall incur liabilities or make expenditures for  
7 campaign media expenses for use in the calendar year of a state  
8 election or special election in excess of the following amounts:

9	Governor — Lieutenant-Governor	\$500,000
10	United States Senator, subject to the provisions of the most	
11	recent Federal Election Campaign Act	
12	Attorney General	\$250,000
13	Secretary	\$100,000
14	Treasurer and Receiver General	\$100,000
15	Auditor	\$100,000
16	Governor's Councillor	\$ 25,000
17	United States Congressman, subject to the provisions of the	
18	most recent Federal Election Campaign Act	
19	State Senator	\$15,000
20	Representative to the General Court	\$ 5,000

21 District attorney, clerk of court, register of probate and  
 22 insolvency, register of deeds, county commissioner, county  
 23 treasurer, sheriff, and candidates for municipal office, seven cents  
 24 for each inhabitant of the respective electoral district as  
 25 enumerated in the last census, state or federal, whichever shall be  
 26 the more recent.

27 No candidate for nomination to the following public offices of  
 28 the commonwealth shall incur liabilities or make expenditures  
 29 for campaign media expenses for use in the calendar year of a  
 30 state primary election in excess of the following amounts:

31	Governor	\$500,000
32	United States Senator, subject to the provisions of the most	
33	recent Federal Election Campaign Act	
34	Lieutenant-Governor	\$100,000
35	Attorney General	\$250,000
36	Secretary	\$100,000
37	Treasurer and Receiver General	\$100,000
38	Auditor	\$100,000
39	Governor's Councillor	\$ 25,000
40	United States Congressman, subject to the provisions of the	
41	most recent Federal Election Campaign Act	
42	State Senator	\$ 15,000
43	Representative to the General Court	\$ 5,000

44 District attorney, clerk of court, register of probate and  
 45 insolvency, register of deeds, county commissioner, county  
 46 treasurer, sheriff, and candidates for municipal office, seven cents  
 47 for each inhabitant of the respective electoral district as  
 48 enumerated in the last census, state or federal, whichever shall be  
 49 the more recent.