

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger relative to defining the responsibilities of the Campaign Finance Director in initiating legal proceedings against violators of the campaign finance law. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIRECTOR IN INITIATING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST VIOLATORS OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW.

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 2A of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 section 1 of chapter 1173 of the acts of 1973, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
4 following paragraph: — In the event that the director finds evi-
5 dence of a violation of this chapter, he shall have the right to
6 initiate prosecution and to engage special counsel for the purpose
7 thereof. The director shall, upon finding evidence of such violation
8 of this chapter, inform any person or committee under investiga-
9 tion by said director, by registered mail, return receipt requested,
10 that he will present such evidence to his special counsel. Within ten
11 days of receipt of said notice, said alleged violator may request a
12 hearing before the director for the purpose of presenting evidence
13 to the contrary. The director shall not initiate any legal action until
14 after said hearing. Evidence of any such violations of this chapter
15 which has come to his attention shall be presented by the director to
16 his special counsel only after the relevant election, as defined in
17 section one of this chapter, but within two years after said election.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be and he do cause to be printed the following report, to-wit: A report on the condition of the public lands in the Territory of Alaska, prepared by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and transmitted to the Senate and House of Representatives on the 15th day of January, 1898.

The Condition of the Public Lands

IN THE YEAR ENDING 1897

As the Secretary of the Interior has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and to transmit the same to the Senate and House of Representatives, as required by law, he has the honor to inform them that the report has been printed and is now ready for distribution.

The report is divided into two parts, the first of which contains a general statement of the condition of the public lands, and the second of which contains a detailed statement of the condition of the public lands in each of the Territories.

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