

**SENATE . . . . . No. 297**

By Mr. Rosenberg, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 297) of Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation relative to solicitation or receipt of political contributions by public employees. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SOLICITATION OR RECEIPT OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

*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 1. Chapter fifty-five of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended in  
3 Section 13 by deleting the first sentence therein and inserting in  
4 its place the following sentences: —

5 No person employed for compensation, other than an elected  
6 officer, by the commonwealth or any county, city, or town shall  
7 directly or indirectly solicit or receive from any subordinate  
8 employee, as defined herein, any gift, payment, contribution,  
9 assessment, subscription, or promise of money or other thing of  
10 value for the political campaign purposes of any candidate for  
11 public office or of any political committee or for any political  
12 purposes whatsoever. For the purposes of this section, a  
13 "subordinate employee" shall mean any employee whose terms or  
14 conditions of employment, work assignments, or promotion or  
15 termination is under the direct or indirect supervision of said  
16 person. No person employed by an elected officer of the  
17 commonwealth or of any county, city, or town shall directly or  
18 indirectly solicit or receive any gift, payment, contribution,  
19 assessment, subscription, or promise of money or other thing of  
20 value for the political campaign purposes of said elected officer.  
21 This section shall not prevent such persons from being members  
22 of political organizations or committees.

1 SECTION 2. Section fifteen of said chapter fifty-five is hereby  
2 repealed.

1 SECTION 3. Section one hundred seventy-nine if chapter six  
2 hundred fifty-three of the acts of nineteen-hundred eighty-nine is  
3 hereby repealed.