

HOUSE No. 1360

Bill accompanying the petition of Edward E. Elder and another relative to payments and promises of payment made by candidates for public office. Election Laws. January 22.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

AN ACT

Relative to Payment and Promises of Payment made by Candidates for Public 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 three hundred and forty-eight of chapter
2 eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of the
3 year nineteen hundred and thirteen, as amended by
4 section two of chapter seven hundred and eighty-
5 three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
6 and fourteen, is hereby further amended by add-
7 ing at the end thereof the following:—Every
8 gift or loan, and every promise to make a gift
9 or loan, to or for any individual, corporation or
10 association, whether for charitable or religious
11 purposes or not, and every payment or promise
12 of payment to or for a newspaper, magazine, pro-

13 gram or souvenir, whether for political adver-
14 tising or not, made by a candidate for nomination
15 or election within one month prior to any primary
16 at which he is a candidate, or between the time
17 of his nomination and the last day for filing his
18 return of campaign expenses, except loans made
19 in the usual course of the candidate's business,
20 where he is a banker, broker or money lender, shall
21 be deemed to have been made for the purpose of
22 aiding or promoting his nomination or election,
23 shall be subject to the provisions of this section,
24 and shall be included in determining the amount
25 which the candidate has paid or promised in order
26 to promote his own nomination or election.