
Accompanying the eighth recommendation of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (House, No. 91). Election Laws. Dec. 4, 1924.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Five.

An Act relative to Statements of Expenses of Political Committees.

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 seventeen of chapter fifty-five of the Gen-
2 eral Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
3 the word " any " in the twentieth line the words:
4 —nomination or, — and by inserting after the word
5 " dollars " in the same line the words:—or if
6 nothing has been received or disbursed or if no
7 liability has been incurred,— so as to read as fol-
8 lows:— *Section 17.* The treasurer of every polit-
9 ical committee which receives, expends or disburses
10 any money or its equivalent, or incurs any liability
11 to pay money in connection with any nomination or
12 election to an amount exceeding twenty dollars,
13 shall, within thirty days after such election, file
14 a statement setting forth all the receipts, expendi-
15 tures, disbursements and liabilities of the commit-
16 tee and of every officer and other person acting
17 under its authority or in its behalf. It shall in-
18 clude the amount in each case received, the name
19 of the person or committee from whom received,

20 the date of its receipt, the amount of every ex-
21 penditure or disbursement, the name of the person
22 or committee to whom it was made, and the date
23 thereof; and, unless such expenditure or disburse-
24 ment was made to another political committee, shall
25 clearly state the purpose of such expenditure or
26 disbursement; also the date and amount of every
27 existing promise or liability, both to and from such
28 committee, remaining unfulfilled and in force when
29 the statement is made, the name of the person or
30 committee to or from whom the unfulfilled promise
31 or liability exists, and a clear statement of the
32 purpose for which the promise or liability was
33 made or incurred. If the aggregate receipts or
34 disbursements of a political committee in connec-
35 tion with any nomination or election shall not ex-
36 ceed twenty dollars, or if nothing has been received
37 or disbursed or if no liability has been incurred,
38 the treasurer of the committee shall, within thirty
39 days after the election, certify the fact on oath to
40 the state secretary.