

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for legislation to allow the filing of an election petition against a candidate who has solicited or received illegal campaign contributions. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ALLOWING THE FILING OF AN ELECTION PETITION AGAINST A CANDIDATE WHO HAS SOLICITED OR RECEIVED ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 55 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 32, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —
4 Section 32. A candidate shall be deemed to have committed a
5 corrupt practice who commits any of the following offenses: Mak-
6 ing or permitting any person or non-elected political committee
7 authorized by him to make a false return in any statement filed
8 under sections eighteen, nineteen and twenty-four by him or on his
9 behalf, making a false return in any statement filed under sections
10 eighteen and twenty-four by a candidate for nomination of election,
11 soliciting or receiving or permitting any person or nonelected polit-
12 ical committee authorized by him to solicit or receive an illegal
13 contribution, fraudulently and willfully obstructing and delaying a
14 voter, interfering with, hindering or preventing an election officer
15 from performing his duties, forging an endorsement upon, altering,
16 destroying or defacing a ballot, tampering with or injuring or
17 attempting to injure any voting machine or ballot box to be used or
18 being used in a primary or election, or preventing or attempting to
19 prevent the correct operation of such machine or box.

