

HOUSE No. 2420

By Mr. Alexander of Marblehead, petition of Lawrence R. Alexander and other members of the House for legislation to regulate the aggregate contributions of political action committees to candidates. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT LIMITING THE AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS OF POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES TO CANDIDATES.

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 7 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by Section 1 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1975 is hereby
3 amended by inserting after the fifth sentence, the following
4 sentences: — A political committee which is not an official commit-
5 tee of a party, and which may otherwise lawfully contribute to a
6 candidate's campaign, shall not make contributions to any one
7 candidate and his or her authorized political campaign committee
8 which exceed, in any one calendar year, the sum of \$1000.

9 No candidate or a committee organized on his or her behalf shall
10 knowingly accept contributions from such political committees or
11 from a person acting under the authority of or on behalf of such a
12 committee, which, in the aggregate of all such contributions from
13 all such political committees exceed in any calendar year a total
14 sum of \$2500 to any candidate for the office of state representative,
15 the total sum of \$4000 to any candidate for the office of state
16 senator or to any candidate for any county office, the total sum of
17 \$25,000 to any candidate for the office of lieutenant governor,
18 attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer and receiver-general
19 or auditor, and the total sum of \$50,000 to any candidate for the
20 office of governor.

The Committee on Education and the Arts

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