

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of Mary McTigue, John A. Businger, Robert J. Rohan, Mark Roosevelt, Emanuel G. Serra, Augusto F. Grace and Byron Rushing for legislation to further regulate the disposition of campaign funds. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE DISPOSITION OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

*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 18 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking  
3 lines 570 through 576, and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following: —

5 In addition, the report required to be filed on or before the tenth  
6 day of January shall contain a statement detailing the intended  
7 or actual disposition of any residual funds. Such residual funds  
8 shall not be converted to the personal use of the candidate or any  
9 other person except as provided in this paragraph. Such residual  
10 funds shall be donated to:

11 (i) the Local Aid Fund established under the provisions of  
12 section two D of chapter twenty-nine;

13 (ii) an entity which is subject to chapter 180, chapter 67 or  
14 section eight F of chapter 12; provided, however, the candidate,  
15 treasurer or any official of the political committee shall not be  
16 related by consanguinity or affinity to any trustee, officer,  
17 principal or beneficiary of said entity;

18 (iii) a scholarship fund recognized by a local school committee;  
19 provided, however, the beneficiary of such fund shall not be  
20 related by consanguinity or affinity to the candidate, treasurer or  
21 any official of the political committee; and provided further, the  
22 candidate, treasurer or any official of the political committee shall  
23 not participate in the selection of the beneficiary of the fund; or

24 (iv) the general fund of any city or town in the commonwealth.

25 The director may petition the supreme judicial court for the  
26 dissolution of a political committee, if (a) such political committee  
27 fails to comply for two consecutive years with provisions of this  
28 section requiring the filing of reports of contributions received and  
29 expenditures made; (b) the candidate on whose behalf such  
30 political committee has been organized has died; (c) such political  
31 committee was organized for the purpose of favoring or opposing  
32 the adoption or rejection of a question submitted to the voters  
33 and there has been a final determination made as to the adoption  
34 or rejection of such question; or (d) the director is satisfied that  
35 such political committee has become inactive and that its dis-  
36 solution would be in the public interest.

37 By such petition, the director may request the court to authorize  
38 the administration of any funds held by such political commit-  
39 tee in accordance with the provisions of this section regarding  
40 residual funds. The court, after notice by mail or otherwise as it  
41 may order, may dissolve such political committee. The director  
42 may include as many political committees in a single application  
43 as he deems fit, and the court may include in its decree any or  
44 all of said political committees.