

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

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW.

*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 1. Section 6 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by Section 2 of Chapter 519 of the Acts  
3 of 1987, is hereby further amended by striking the second  
4 paragraph and inserting the following: —

5 A political committee not organized on behalf of an individual  
6 candidate may contribute to another political committee not  
7 organized on behalf of an individual candidate; provided,  
8 however, that the aggregate of all such contributions for the  
9 benefit of any one such political committee shall not exceed in  
10 any one calendar year the sum of one thousand dollars, unless  
11 such contributions are for the benefit of a political committee  
12 which has been organized for the purpose of favoring or opposing  
13 the adoption or rejection of a question submitted to the voters  
14 in which case such contributions may be without limitation. A  
15 political committee not organized on behalf of an individual  
16 candidate, other than the political committees of a political party,  
17 may contribute to the campaign fund of a candidate; provided,  
18 however, that the aggregate of all such contributions for the  
19 benefit of any one candidate and the non-elected political  
20 committee organized on such candidate's behalf shall not exceed  
21 in any one calendar year the sum of one thousand dollars. The  
22 political committee of a political party may contribute to the

23 campaign fund of a candidate; provided, however, that the  
24 aggregate of all contributions of money for the benefit of any one  
25 candidate and the non-elected political committee organized on  
26 such candidate's behalf shall not exceed in any one calendar year  
27 the sum of three thousand dollars in the case of the state committee  
28 and the sum of one thousand dollars in the case of each town or  
29 ward committee. For the purposes of the limitations established  
30 by this section, all campaign contributions made by political  
31 committees established, financed, maintained or controlled by any  
32 person, including any parent committee of a subsidiary committee  
33 or any person other than a natural person, shall be considered  
34 to have been made by a single political committee. Nothing in this  
35 section shall be construed to permit contributions to political  
36 committees which are otherwise prohibited by this chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Section 18 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking lines 358 to 367 and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following: —

5 (e) by all other non-elected and elected political committees  
6 which are not required to file reports as aforesaid, on or before:  
7 (1) the same days and in accordance with the same schedule as  
8 set forth in clause (a), if the political committee is aiding or  
9 promoting the success or defeat of one or more candidates in a  
10 state primary, special or general election; (2) the same days and  
11 in accordance with the same schedule as set forth in clause (b),  
12 if the political committee is aiding or promoting the success or  
13 defeat of one or more candidates in a city or town preliminary,  
14 primary, general or special election.

1 SECTION 3. Section 18 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking lines 368 to 376 and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following: —

5 (f) by each political committee organized under the provisions  
6 of section five to favor or oppose a question submitted to the  
7 voters, if the question appears on the ballot at a state primary,  
8 general or special election: (1) on the day of the organization;

9 (2) on the sixtieth day prior to the election complete as of the  
10 preceding fifth day; (3) on or before the fifth and twentieth day  
11 of each month, complete as of the preceding first and fifteenth  
12 day of the month; (4) on or before the fifth or twentieth day of  
13 the month next following the election, complete as of the day of  
14 the election; (5) thereafter, on the fifth day of each month complete  
15 as the first day of such month until all declared liabilities of such  
16 committee have been discharged; and (6) thereafter, on or before  
17 the tenth day of January in each year in which such committee  
18 is not otherwise required to file a report on or before the tenth  
19 day of January.

1 SECTION 4. Section 18 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking lines 388 to 394 and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following: —

5 (g) by each political committee organized under the provisions  
6 of section five to favor or oppose a question submitted to the  
7 voters, if the question appears on the ballot at a city or town  
8 preliminary, primary, general or special election: (1) on the day  
9 of organization; (2) on or before the thirtieth day following the  
10 election complete as of the preceding fifth day; (3) thereafter, on  
11 the fifth day of each month complete as the first day of such month  
12 until all declared liabilities of such committee have been  
13 discharged; and (4) thereafter, on or before the tenth day of  
14 January in each year in which such committee is not otherwise  
15 required to file a report on or before the tenth day of January.

1 SECTION 5. Section 22 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking lines 32 through 37 and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following: —

5 Such report shall be filed as follows: (1) the sixtieth day prior  
6 to the election complete as of the preceding fifth day; (2) on or  
7 before the fifth and twentieth day of each month complete as of  
8 the preceding first and fifteenth day of the month; (3) on or before  
9 the fifth or twentieth day of the month next following the election,  
10 complete as of the day of the election; and (4) thereafter, on the

11 fifth day of each month complete as of the first day of such month  
12 until all declared liabilities have been discharged.

1 SECTION 6. Section 22A of Chapter 55 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking lines 19 to 22 and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following: —

5 (1) the sixtieth day prior to the election; (2) on or before the  
6 fifth and twentieth day of each month complete as of the preceding  
7 first and fifteenth day of the month; (3) on or before the fifth or  
8 twentieth day of the month next following the election, complete  
9 as of the day of the election; and (4) thereafter, on the fifth day  
10 of each month complete as of the first day of such month until  
11 all declared liabilities have been discharged.