

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 541

By Mr. McNeil of Malden, petition of John C. McNeil for legislation to further define the rights of individuals in investigations conducted by the Office of Campaign and Political Finance. Election Laws.

## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE.

*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, Section 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by adding at the beginning of the eleventh paragraph the  
3 following: —

4 Any party to a preliminary investigation shall have access to  
5 all allegations made against him and to all information and  
6 documents provided to the director in connection with any  
7 complaint against him. The Director may make reasonable  
8 regulations to protect the identity of a complainant and to  
9 maintain the confidentiality of any investigation. Parties to a  
10 complaint may waive confidentiality provided that the  
11 complainant and the party being investigated agree to said waiver;  
12 and provided further than any breach of confidentiality on the  
13 part of the complainant shall act as a waiver of his right to  
14 confidentiality.

