

HOUSE No. 1485

By Mr. Tolman of Watertown, petition of Warren E. Tolman, other members of the General Court and another for legislation to regulate certain reporting requirements under the campaign finance law. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ELIMINATING SOME REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF 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 1 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 deleting the comma “,” after the word “committee” in line 42,
4 inserting a semi-colon “;” in place thereof and deleting the
5 remainder of clause (4) through the word “rendered” on line 44.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding a period “.” after the word “contribution” in line 15 and
4 deleting the phrase beginning with the word “provided” on line 15
5 and ending with the words “clauses (2) and (4)” on line 22.

1 SECTION 3. Said section 2 is hereby further amended by
2 deleting clause (2) beginning on line 23 and ending on line 31.

1 SECTION 4. Said section 2 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause (3) as clause (2) and deleting the phrase
3 beginning with the word “except” on line 33 and ending with the
4 words “clause (1)” on line 34.

1 SECTION 5. Said section 2 is hereby further amended by
2 deleting clause (4) beginning on line 36 and ending on line 39.

1 SECTION 6. Said section 2 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause (5) as clause (3) and by adding a period “.”
3 after the word “expenditure” in line 43 and deleting the phrase
4 beginning with the word “provided” on line 44 and ending with
5 the word “herein” on line 46.

1 SECTION 7. Said section 2 is hereby further amended by
2 deleting clause (6) beginning on line 47 and ending on line 51.

1 SECTION 8. Section 2 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause (7) as clause (4), by adding a period “.” after
3 the words “clause (5)” in line 54 and by deleting the phrase
4 beginning with the word “except” on line 54 and ending with the
5 word “clause (5)” on line 59.

1 SECTION 9. Said section 2 is hereby further amended by
2 deleting clause (8) beginning on line 56 and ending on line 59.

1 SECTION 10. Section 18 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting the number “(4)” and a comma “,” after the word
4 “clauses” in line 179.

1 SECTION 11. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 adding the word “dollars” after the word “fifty” in line 184.

1 SECTION 12. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 deleting the phrase beginning with the word “provided” on line
3 186 and ending with the word “listed” on line 204.

1 SECTION 13. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause (4) on line 204 as clause (3).

1 SECTION 14. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause (5) on line 207 as clause (4).

1 SECTION 15. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 deleting the phrase beginning with the word “or” on line 208 and
3 ending with the word “transfer” on line 211 and inserting in place

4 thereof the following phrase: — any money or anything of value,
5 in a reporting period, together with the amount or value thereof
6 and the date received;.

1 SECTION 16. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause (5) (a) on line 211 as clause (5).

1 SECTION 17. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 deleting clauses (7), (8) and (9) beginning on line 217 and ending
3 on line 226.

1 SECTION 18. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause (10) as clause (7) on line 226, deleting the
3 words “clauses (2), (4), (5), (6) and (9)” on line 227 and inserting
4 in place thereof the words: — “clauses (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6)”.

1 SECTION 19. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause (11) on line 226 as clause (8), inserting after
3 the word “period” on line 229 the phrase “except for those
4 identified in clause (10) of this paragraph and which shall be
5 reported therein,” and deleting the phrase beginning with the word
6 “provided” on line 235 and ending with the words “clause (12)”
7 on line 247.

1 SECTION 20. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause (14) on line 247 as clause (9) and changing
3 the references to “clause (11)” on lines 249 and 250 to read
4 “clause (8).”

1 SECTION 21. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 adding the following new clause: —

3 (10) in the case of an individual candidate or political committee
4 organized on such candidate’s behalf, the name and address, listed
5 alphabetically, of each candidate or political committee to which
6 was transferred any money or anything of value, in the reporting
7 period, together with the amount or value thereof and the date
8 of such transfer;

1 SECTION 22. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause 15 on line 250 as clause 11, deleting the words
3 “clauses 11 and 14” on line 251 and inserting in place thereof the
4 words “clauses (8), (9) and (10)”.

1 SECTION 23. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause 16 on line 251 as clause (12).

1 SECTION 24. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause 17 on line 255 as clause (13).

1 SECTION 25. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 renumbering clause 18 on line 256 as clause (14).

1 SECTION 26. Said section 18 is hereby further amended by
2 striking lines 292 to 299 and adding in place thereof the
3 following: —

4 Candidates and individuals holding elective public office,
5 whether elected or appointed to such office, who have no political
6 committee organized on their behalf and who have not received
7 any campaign contributions, incurred any liabilities, nor
8 expended money on their behalf during any reporting period and
9 who had no assets or liabilities prior to such reporting period need
10 only sign an affidavit on a form provided by the director stating
11 that they have not received a campaign contribution, incurred any
12 liability, nor made any expenditure on their own behalf and had
13 no assets or liabilities prior to such reporting period. Said
14 statement shall be signed under the pains and penalties of perjury
15 and shall be filed with the director, a town or city clerk or as
16 otherwise provided under this chapter.