

By Mr. Tolman of Watertown, petition of Warren E. Tolman and other members of the House relative to contribution limitations for political action committees. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS FOR POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES.

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 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1990
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 6
3 the following section: —

4 Section 6A. Aggregate Contribution Limitations for Political
5 Action Committees.

6 (1) For the purpose of this section, the following terms will have
7 the following meanings:

8 "Political action committee," or "PAC," a political committee,
9 as defined in section one of this chapter including all such political
10 committees other than ballot committees, candidate's committees,
11 independent expenditure committees, and political party
12 committees.

13 "Election cycle," the period between ninety days after the
14 preceding general election for the office for which a candidate is
15 running for elective office and ninety days after the election in
16 which the candidate is running for elective office.

17 (2) A candidate and such candidate's committee shall not
18 accept any contribution from a political committee if such
19 contribution would result in such candidate and such candidate's
20 committee receiving from all political committees aggregate
21 contributions in an election cycle in excess of the following
22 amounts:

- 23 (a) candidates for governor — fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars;
24 (b) candidates for lieutenant governor, attorney general,
25 secretary of state, treasurer and receiver general and auditor —
26 twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars;
27 (c) candidates for state senators, county commissioner,
28 governor's councillor, district attorney, clerk of courts, register
29 of probate, register of deeds or any other county officer — twelve
30 thousand (\$12,000) dollars;
31 (d) candidates for state representative — six thousand (\$6,000)
32 dollars.