

THIS IS A REFILE OF HOUSE, NO. 4785 OF 1971.

HOUSE No. 4996

By Mr. McCarthy of Peabody, petition of Peter C. McCarthy for legislation to limit campaign expenses for election to the office of Representative in Congress. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT LIMITING CAMPAIGN EXPENSES FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

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 is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 3 the following section: —

3 *Section 3A.* No person, in order to aid or promote his own
4 nomination or election to the office of representative in
5 Congress, shall himself or through another person give, pay,
6 expend or contribute any money or other thing of value, or
7 promise so to do, in excess of fifty thousand dollars. Such sum
8 shall include all contributions from individuals, political com-
9 mittees or other sources to a candidate or person acting under
10 his authority, and shall include every payment or promise of
11 payment for any purpose, made directly or indirectly by or for
12 the benefit of a candidate.

13 If a candidate for said office has the use of a congressional
14 franking privilege for mailing during the election year of his
15 candidacy to the major part of the congressional district for
16 which he is a candidate, such franking privilege shall be
17 regarded as a contribution of money to his campaign in the
18 sum of eight thousand dollars.

19 Violation of this section by any successful candidate to such
20 office shall render the election in which the violation occurred
21 void, and in such event a new election shall be held as provided
22 in section one hundred forty.

