

By Mr. Alexander of Marblehead, petition of Lawrence R. Alexander, other members of the House and another for legislation to require legislative agents to report campaign contributions. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE AGENTS TO REPORT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

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 43 of chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by
3 section 1 of chapter 458 of the acts of 1976, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following paragraph: —

5 On or before the fifteenth day of July, complete from January
6 first through June thirteenth; and the fifteenth day of January,
7 complete from July first to December thirty-first of the preceding
8 year, every legislative agent appearing on the docket shall render to
9 the state secretary an itemized statement, under oath, listing all
10 campaign contributions, as defined in section one of chapter fifty-
11 five, and all expenditures, and the total amount thereof, incurred,
12 contributed, or paid during the impending period in the course of
13 his employment as a legislative agent, except that in the case of
14 expenditures the legislative agent need not itemize the expenditures of
15 any one day in which the amount incurred or paid did not total
16 thirty-five dollars or more. Such itemized accounting incurred,
17 contributed or paid shall include but not be limited to specific
18 expenditures for meals, gifts, transportation, entertainment, adver-
19 tising, public relations, printing, mailing and telephones; and shall
20 also include the names of the payees and the amount paid to each
21 payee and shall further include the names of the candidate or
22 political action or funding committee to whom or to which the

23 contribution was made, and the amount of each contribution.
24 When such expenditure is for meals, entertainment or trans-
25 portation, said expenditure shall be identified by date, place,
26 amount, and the names of all persons in the grouping partaking
27 in or of such meal, entertainment or transportation. No expen-
28 diture shall be split or divided for the purpose of evading any
29 provision of this section. The state secretary shall, within thirty
30 days of the receipt of such accounting, notify, by registered mail,
31 those legislators and those members of the executive branch
32 whose names appear therein as having received campaign con-
33 tributions, meals, transportation or entertainment as to the
34 nature of the contribution or expenditure claims, the date and
35 amount of such expenditure or contribution, and the person or
36 persons who reported the contribution or expenditure.