

By Mr. Galvin of Boston, petition of William F. Galvin relative to the Community Antenna Television Commission. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION COMMISSION.

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. Chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section four the follow-
3 ing section: —

4 *Section 4A.* No license, transfer of license, or renewal thereof
5 shall be issued to any applicant if any principal or ultimate benefi-
6 cial owner of said applicant, including, in the case of a corporation,
7 any stockholder, either nominal or beneficial, owning five percent
8 or more of the issued and outstanding stock of any newspaper,
9 periodical, radio station, or television station where the area to be
10 served by the CATV license lies entirely within either the major
11 circulation area of such newspaper or periodical or within the
12 significant broadcast area of such radio station or television sta-
13 tion.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 166A, as most recently
2 amended by section 1 of chapter 670 of the acts of 1979, is hereby
3 further amended by adding the following clauses: —

4 (g) "Major circulation area", an area in which the number of
5 publications circulated by the particular newspaper or periodical
constitute a majority of the sales of such newspaper or periodical.

6 (h) "Significant broadcast area", an area as defined under the
provisions of section 73.151 of rules and regulations of the federal

9 communication commission for am radio stations and under the
10 provisions of section 73.311 through section 73.314 for fm radio
11 stations.

1 SECTION 3. None of the provisions of this shall affect the
2 eligibility of any applicant whose final application was on file with
3 the local licensing authority as of the effective date of this act.