

By Mr. McIntyre, a petition of James R. McIntyre and Clifford H. Marshall for legislation to limit campaign broadcasting expenditures for public office. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT TO LIMIT CAMPAIGN BROADCASTING EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.**

*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. The charges made for the use of any broad-  
 2 casting station by any person who is a legally qualified can-  
 3 didate for any public office shall not exceed the lowest unit  
 4 charge of the station for the same amount of time in the same  
 5 time period.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes of this section, the term "major  
 2 elective office" means the office of United States Senator,  
 3 United States Congressman, Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
 4 Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor,  
 5 state senator, state representative, district attorney, county  
 6 commissioner, and sheriff.

7 No legally qualified candidate in an election (other than a  
 8 primary election) for a major elective office may spend for  
 9 the use of broadcasting stations on behalf of his candidacy in  
 10 such election a total amount in excess of —

11 (i) 7 cents multiplied by the number of votes cast for all  
 12 legally qualified candidates for such office in the last pre-  
 13 ceding general election for such office; or

14 (ii) \$10,000, if greater than the amount determined under  
 15 clause (i) (or if clause (i) is inapplicable).

1 SECTION 3. No legally qualified candidate in a primary  
 2 election for nomination to a major elective office may spend

3 for the use of broadcasting stations on behalf of his candidacy  
4 in such election a total amount in excess of 50 per centum of  
5 the amount determined under paragraph two of section two  
6 with respect to the general election for such office.

1 SECTION 4. Amounts spent for the use of broadcasting  
2 stations on behalf of any legally qualified candidate for major  
3 elective office (or for nomination to such office) shall, for the  
4 purposes of this election, be deemed to have been spent by  
5 such candidate. Amounts spent for the use of broadcasting  
6 stations by or on behalf of any legally qualified candidate for  
7 the office of Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth in  
8 the general election shall, for the purposes of this section, be  
9 deemed to have been spent by the candidate for the office of  
10 Governor of the Commonwealth with whom he is running.

1 SECTION 5. No station licensee may make any charge for  
2 the use of such station by or on behalf of any candidate for  
3 major elective office (or for nomination to such office) unless  
4 such candidate, or a person specifically authorized by such  
5 candidate in writing to do so, certifies to such licensee in  
6 writing that the payment of such charge will not violate  
7 paragraph 2 or 3, whichever is applicable.