

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Today, I am submitting to your Honorable Bodies the attached legislation entitled " An Act Relative to the Payment of Certain Legal Fees."

Legal assistance was rendered to the Office of the Secretary of State in the prior fiscal year. It was initially anticipated that these services would not be needed until the current fiscal year. The Office of the Secretary of State also inadvertently failed to file an A-4 form with the Executive Office of Administration and Finance as required by section twenty-nine of chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws. The amount owed remains outstanding.

Enactment of the proposed legislation will allow the Office of the Secretary of State to pay for the legal services rendered to it in the prior fiscal year. The proposed legislation will not increase the amount appropriated for that office in the current fiscal year, since the fee will be paid from funds currently available.

The Commonwealth, through the Secretary of State, has obligated itself to pay for the services rendered. I therefore recommend your favorable consideration of the attached legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael S. Dukakis".

Michael S. Dukakis  
Governor

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

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN LEGAL FEES.

*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 2 of chapter 191 of the acts of 1982 is hereby amended by  
2 striking out the wording in item 0521-0000 and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following wording: —

4 For preparing, printing and distributing ballots and other mis-  
5 cellaneous expenses for primary and other elections, including not  
6 more than six permanent positions provided that, notwithstanding  
7 the provisions of section twenty-nine A of chapter twenty-nine of  
8 the General Laws an amount not to exceed fifty-four thousand two  
9 hundred and forty dollars shall be allowed and paid from this item  
10 for legal services rendered from July first, nineteen hundred and  
11 eighty-one to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighty-two.