

SENATE No. 1600

By Mr. Tolman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1600) of Steven A. Tolman and Charles E. Shannon for legislation relative to the use of public funds to influence organized labor's representational elections. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LABOR RELATIONS.

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 150E, Section 10(a) is hereby amended by adding at the
- 2 end of the last section, a new section:—
- 3 Expend or cause the expenditure of public funds to any external
- 4 agent, individual, firm, agency, partnership or association in any
- 5 attempt to influence the outcome of representational elections held
- 6 pursuant to this Chapter; provided, that nothing in this subsection
- 7 shall be construed to limit the employer's right to internally commu-
- 8 nicate with its employees as otherwise permitted by this section; to be
- 9 represented on any matter pertaining to unit determinations, unfair
- 10 labor practice charges or pre-election conferences in any formal or
- 11 informal proceeding before the Labor Relations Board or to seek or
- 12 obtain advice of legal counsel.

