

HOUSE No. 2459

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 24, 1954.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 153) of George E. Rawson for legislation relative to non-elected political committees, and the final report of the special commission (including members of the General Court) established (under Chapter 57 of the Resolves of 1953) to investigate and study relative to corrupt practices in elections (House, No. 2424), report (in part on House, No. 2424) the accompanying bill (House, No. 2459).

For the committee,

LOUIS H. GLASER.

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

AN ACT REGULATING NON-ELECTED POLITICAL COMMITTEES.

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 4 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by section 10 of chapter 537 of the acts of
3 1946, is hereby further amended by striking out the
4 first sentence of the first paragraph and inserting the
5 following sentence: — Every non-elected political com-
6 mittee shall have a treasurer, and a chairman who
7 shall, not later than thirty days preceding the election
8 in which said committee is organized to function, file
9 with the state secretary, or, when organized for the
10 purposes of a municipal election only, with the city or
11 town clerk, the names and addresses of such treasurer
12 and chairman and of at least three additional members,
13 and a statement of the purpose for which organized
14 and the written consent of the candidates concerned.
15 Any committee organized for the purpose of securing
16 the nomination and election of a candidate shall state
17 in its title the name of said candidate. In the event of
18 a change in such officers or as to such additional mem-
19 bers, a statement of such change shall forthwith be
20 filed as in the case of the officers first chosen.