

By Mr. Serra of Boston, petition of Emanuel G. Serra for legislation to clarify the reporting requirements of political organizations. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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. Section 18 of chapter 55, as most recently amend-
2 ed by section 102 of chapter 329 of the acts of 1980 is hereby further
3 amended by striking the first sentence and inserting the follow-
4 ing: — Each candidate and each treasurer of a political committee,
5 each treasurer of any political organization using the name of a
6 party in its title, shall file with the director or, if the candidate
7 seeks public office at a city or town election, or if the committee is
8 organized for the purpose of a city or town election, with the city or
9 town clerk, reports of contributions received and expenditures
10 made on forms to be prescribed by the director.

1 SECTION 2. Said section and chapter are further amended by
2 striking clause (d) and inserting the following: —

3 (d) by the treasurer of each state committee referred to in sec-
4 tion one of chapter fifty-two and required to designate a depository
5 by section nineteen, or of any political organization using the name
6 in its title of either of the two major political parties in the
7 Commonwealth on or before: (1) the third business day following
8 the designation of such depository, and (2) as a final report, the
9 tenth day of January of the year following the election complete as
10 to the thirty-first day of December of the prior year.

11 The reporting period of the initial report shall commence on the

12 day following the preceding biennial state election, or on the day
13 following the end of the reporting period of the last report filed, if
14 any, whichever period is shorter, and shall end as of the day such
15 depository is designated.

16 The reporting period of the second report shall commence on the
17 day following the designation of the depository and shall end as of
18 the thirty-first day of December of the year of the election.