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By Mr. Tracy of Boston, petition of Philip A. Tracy for regulating statements in political advertisements and for requiring signed statements permitting use of quotations from newspapers and other publications. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN  
POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND REQUIRING SIGNED  
STATEMENTS PERMITTING USE OF QUOTATIONS FROM  
NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the  
same, as follows:*

- 1 No newspaper, magazine or other publication shall
- 2 print an advertisement of a political nature in which
- 3 the name of another individual is used as an endorse-
- 4 ment without first requiring a signed statement of the
- 5 individual making the endorsement.
- 6 No candidate for public office and no newspaper,
- 7 magazine or other publication shall use a quotation
- 8 from another newspaper, magazine or other publica-
- 9 tion in a political advertisement or endorsement with-
- 10 out obtaining a signed statement of said newspaper,
- 11 magazine or other publication giving its permission
- 12 for the use of the quotation.

13 Any candidate who uses an unauthorized endorse-  
14 ment or an unauthorized quotation from a publica-  
15 tion shall be disqualified from taking office.

16 Any newspaper, magazine or publication which uses  
17 a quotation from another newspaper, magazine or  
18 other publication shall be liable to a fine of ten thou-  
19 sand dollars.