

HOUSE No. 594

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a cap on candidates' committees campaign funds.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAP ON CANDIDATES' COMMITTEES CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

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 1 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of "Political party committee" the
3 following definition:-

4 "Surplus funds", any funds remaining in the depository account of a candidate's committee in
5 excess of \$30,000 for a candidate for state representative and \$100,000 for a candidate for state
6 senate.

7 SECTION 2: Section 19 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
8 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (f) the following subsection:-

9 (g) Within 60 days after the conclusion of an election, the candidate's committee shall be
10 required to dispose of surplus funds: (1) in accordance with campaign finance laws as established
11 in chapter 55; (2) by returning the remaining funds proportionally to all donors; or (3) through
12 donation to a charitable organization.