

HOUSE No. 598

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to close certain campaign finance loopholes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tom Sannicandro

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

7th Middlesex

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By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 598) of Tom Sannicandro for legislation to further regulate campaign contributions involving political committees. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 630 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to close certain campaign finance loopholes.

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: Chapter 55, Section 6 is amended in the third paragraph by inserting after
2 the third sentence the following-

3 The political committee of a political party may contribute to the campaign fund of a
4 candidate; provided, however, that the aggregate of all contributions for the benefit of any one
5 candidate and the non-elected political committee organized on such candidate's behalf shall not
6 exceed in any one calendar year the sum of three thousand dollars in the case of each town or
7 ward committee.

8 SECTION 2: Chapter 55, Section 7A(a) (2) by inserting at the end the following
9 sentence:

10 “An individual may in addition make campaign contributions for the benefit of elected
11 political committees or non-elected political committees organized on behalf of a political party;
12 provided, however, that the total contribution in any one calendar year shall not exceed the sum
13 of five hundred dollars in the case of town or ward committees representing a jurisdiction outside
14 the jurisdiction in which the individual keeps their principle residence.”