

HOUSE No. 645

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 relative to joint fundraising.

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
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Jeffrey Davis Perry	5th Barnstable
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 RELATIVE TO JOINT FUNDRAISING.

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 6 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking in line 49 the words “of money”.

3 SECTION 2. Said section 6 of chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
4 inserting, in line 53, after the words “or ward committee.” the following:-

5 The following expenditures shall not be considered contributions for the purposes of this section:
6 (1) voter registration and get-out-the-vote activities; (2) preparation, display, or distribution of
7 listings or materials including the names of three or more candidates; (3) preparation and
8 maintenance of data provided to three or more candidates, such as polling data or lists of
9 registered voters and voter identification information; (4) compensation for individuals working
10 on behalf of three or more candidates of the party; (5) campaign training provided to three or
11 more candidates; (6) campaign events or fund-raisers held for the benefit of three or more
12 candidates; (7) other expenditures that do not name a specific candidate.

13 SECTION 3. Section 10A of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
14 amended by inserting in line 39, after the word “behalf” the following:- provided however, that
15 the fundraising expenses shall be shared pro-rata and that contributions so raised may not be
16 reserved for the future use of the special committee or the candidate or candidates on whose
17 behalf it was formed.