

HOUSE No. 666

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey Davis Perry

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 political committees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jeffrey Davis Perry	5th Barnstable
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 683 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO POLITICAL COMMITTEES..

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 2 of Chapter 52 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended at the end thereof by adding the following
3 paragraphs:

4 1.

5 Each political party shall have the option in geographic areas where organization of individual
6 town committees are unorganized, to determine if the State Committee will allow, upon written
7 request, the formation of a Regional Committee, to be composed of no more than five separate
8 towns. These Regional Town Committees shall organize with the cooperation of the State
9 Committee members as provided for elsewhere in the applicable laws and regulations and will
10 abide by all other duties and restrictions as so described.

11 3.

12 Upon reaching a membership of 40 regular members, the Regional Committee may be
13 disbanded to form individual town committees. If one municipality should have ten (10)
14 members, it will be allowed at the next regular meeting of the State committee to withdraw
15 from the Regional Town Committee upon receipt of a written request from those members to

16 do so. The other municipalities in the Regional committee will be allowed to remain as a
17 Regional Committee, unless the remaining members are fewer than five (5).

18 4.

19 Permission for the creation of such a Regional Committee shall be granted with a two-thirds
20 vote of the members present at the State Committee meeting at which the request is made.