

**SENATE . . . . . No. 372**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

*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 enhance reporting requirements for candidates and committees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 372) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to enhance reporting requirements for candidates and committees. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 376 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to enhance reporting requirements for candidates and 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 18 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (a) and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following:-

4 (a) by each candidate for nomination or election to the state senate or house of  
5 representatives, and by the non-elected political committee organized on behalf of such  
6 candidate, on or before: (1) the first Wednesday of each month during the period beginning 6  
7 months preceding a primary and on the first Wednesday of the month following a primary;  
8 provided that a report shall not be required to be filed if, under clause (2) of this paragraph, a  
9 report is required to be filed within the following 7 days; (2) the eighth day preceding a primary,  
10 the eighth day preceding a biennial state election, and, as a final report, the twentieth day of

11 January in the following year complete as to the thirty-first day of December of the prior year;  
12 (3) the first Wednesday of each month during the period beginning 3 months preceding a special  
13 primary, including a convention or a caucus; provided that a report shall not be required to be  
14 filed if, under clause (4) of this paragraph, a report is required to be filed within the following 7  
15 days; (4) the eighth day preceding a special primary, including a convention or a caucus, the  
16 eighth day preceding a special election, the thirtieth day following a special election, and, as a  
17 final report, the twentieth day of January in the following year complete as to the thirty-first day  
18 of December of the prior year.