

SENATE No. 392

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis, (BY REQUEST)

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 for parity in all organizational and non-individual campaign contributions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Alice Shattuck

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Vincent Lawrence Dixon

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 392) of Alice Shattuck and Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation for parity in all organizational and non-individual campaign contributions. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act for parity in all organizational and non-individual campaign contributions.

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. The Massachusetts General Laws are hereby amended by inserting the
2 following new chapter:

3 An Act for Parity in all Organizational; and Non-Individual Campaign Contributions.

4 1.) As Massachusetts has often been a leader in various legal provisions, and public
5 policies, it also, from time to time, seeks to compare, and adjust itself, as it should, in terms of
6 relevant ideas, in and/or from other jurisdictions.

7 2.) Thus, in the matters of campaign finance, there exists an anomaly, that has need of
8 being adjusted, relating to campaign contributions, and in doing so, assist the process of
9 transparency, in sources, and reporting of contributions. That is, that in most states, union
10 candidate contributions, and corporate candidate contributions, conform equally to the same
11 rules. This legislation corrects this non-parity.

12 3.) Mass General Laws Chapter 55, are hereby amended as follows: All Union Candidate
13 Contributions, and Corporate Candidate Contributions, shall be the same as PAC limits, and shall
14 be fully reported under the laws, and regulations, of the Commonwealth.