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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1974

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:

An Act changing the campaign finance reporting cycle.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Donald H. Wong	*9th Essex*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
Bradford Hill	*4th Essex*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	*1st Plymouth*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1974) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to campaign financing and reporting. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *593* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act changing the campaign finance reporting cycle.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 55 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking section 7A, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 7A. (a)(1) An individual may make campaign contributions to candidates or candidates' committees; provided, however, that the aggregate of all such contributions for the benefit of any one candidate and that candidate's committee shall not exceed the sum of $750 per election .

(2) An individual may in addition make campaign contributions for the benefit of elected political committees or non-elected political committees organized on behalf of a political party; provided, however, that the aggregate of such campaign contributions for the benefit of the political committees of any one political party shall not exceed the sum of $7,350 per election.

(3) An individual may in addition make campaign contributions to any political committee not specified in paragraph (1), (2) or (4); provided, however, that the aggregate of such campaign contributions to any one such political committee shall not exceed in the sum of $750 per election .

(4) An individual may in addition make contributions without limitation to ballot question committees.

17 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the aggregate of all
18 contributions from any one individual to all candidates and candidate's committees shall not
19 exceed the sum of $18,400 per election;

20 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the aggregate of all contributions
21 by a legislative or executive agent for the benefit of any one candidate and such candidate's
22 committee shall not exceed the sum of $200 per election . Notwithstanding any other pro vision
23 of this chapter, the aggregate of all contributions by a legislative or executive agent to any other
24 political committee, other than a ballot question committee, shall not exceed the sum of $200 per
25 election.

26 (c) The contribution and aggregate amount limits referred to in this section shall be
27 indexed biennially for inflation by the director, who, not later than December thirty-first of each
28 even numbered year beginning with 2008, shall calculate and publish such indexed amount,
29 using the federal consumer price index for the Boston statistical area. Such limits, after being
30 calculated as above, shall be rounded to the nearest $50; provided, that, if such resulting amount
31 is less than $50, the director shall retain a record of the resulting amount, when added to the
32 resulting amount calculated in each even numbered year since the last adjustment was made
33 equals or exceeds $50.

34 (d) For purposes of the limitations on contributions, a contribution to a designated
35 contribution committee which is forwarded to the designated recipient shall be treated in all
36 respects as a direct contribution from the original contributor to the designated recipient.