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## 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 relative to closing a gap in campaign finance laws.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Bradford Hill	4th Essex
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	4th Hampden
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Angelo L. D'Emilia	8th Plymouth
Leonard Mirra	2nd Essex
Shaunna O'Connell	3rd Bristol
James J. Lyons, Jr.	18th Essex
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol
James J. Dwyer	30th Middlesex
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Randy Hunt	5th Barnstable
Sheila C. Harrington	1st Middlesex
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Nicholas A. Boldyga	3rd Hampden

Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester
Donald H. Wong	9th Essex
Michael Barrett	Third Middlesex
Daniel B. Winslow	9th Norfolk
Steven S. Howitt	4th Bristol
Matthew A. Beaton	11th Worcester
Peter J. Durant	6th Worcester
Frank A. Moran	17th Essex
Richard J. Ross	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Geoff Diehl	7th Plymouth
Keiko M. Orrall	12th Bristol
John D. Keenan	7th Essex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Kevin J. Kuros	8th Worcester

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## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 2830**

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2830) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the failure to file certain reports by candidates under the campaign finance laws. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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An Act relative to closing a gap in campaign finance laws.

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. Section 3 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth sentence of the eighth paragraph, contained in lines 81 to 97, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following:-

5 The name of a candidate who is required to file campaign finance reports with the director, who fails to file any statement or report after the institution of civil proceedings under this section to compel such filing, shall not be printed on any municipal preliminary, state primary or general or special election ballot unless the statement or report is filed prior to the deadline for filing nomination papers for such candidate pursuant to chapter 53 or any charter or 10 special law establishing such filing deadline. The director shall notify the state secretary, or for municipal candidates, the registrars of the city or town, of the names of those candidates against 12 whom civil proceedings have been instituted and shall do so within 72 hours of the filing deadline for nomination papers for such candidate. Any candidate who is disqualified from 14 appearing on any municipal preliminary, state primary or general or special election ballot as set 15 forth above shall be ineligible to be nominated or elected as a write-in or sticker candidate unless the candidate shall have filed the statements or reports which are the subject of the civil litigation by the date of the preliminary, primary, or election in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election. If civil proceedings are initiated against a state or county candidate for non-filing of a campaign finance report or statement and the candidate files the report or statement before the primary, the director shall notify the state secretary no later than 24 hours after the date of the primary. If civil proceedings are initiated against a municipal candidate who files with the director and the candidate files the campaign finance report or statement prior to the preliminary

or, if no preliminary is held, prior to the date the preliminary for the office sought would have

been held, the director shall notify the registrars no later than 24 hours after the date of the

preliminary or the date the preliminary would have been held.

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