

**SENATE . . . . . No. 336**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 relative to campaign finance during special elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Richard J. Ross*

*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

*Robert L. Hedlund*

*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 336) of Richard J. Ross and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation relative to campaign finance during special elections. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 315 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to campaign finance during special elections.

*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 1 of chapter 55 in the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new definition after the first  
3 definition:- “Calendar Year”, any year beginning on January 1st and ending December 31st.  
4 There shall be a special election exemption for campaign contributions if a special election and a  
5 general election occur within the same calendar year. Contributions may not exceed the defined  
6 limits set forth in this chapter, for each election cycle during said calendar year.