

HOUSE No. 593

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

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:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 55 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking section 7A,
2 as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition inserting in place thereof the following:

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

7 (2) An individual may in addition make campaign contributions for the benefit of elected
8 political committees or non-elected political committees organized on behalf of a political party;
9 provided, however, that the aggregate of such campaign contributions for the benefit of the
10 political committees of any one political party shall not exceed the sum of \$7,350 per election.(3)

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

14 election.(4) An individual may in addition make contributions without limitation to ballot

15 question committees.(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the aggregate of
16 all contributions from any one individual to all candidates and candidate's committees shall not
17 exceed the sum of \$18,400 per election; (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
18 the aggregate of all contributions by a legislative or executive agent for the benefit of any one
19 candidate and such candidate's committee shall not exceed the sum of \$200 per election.
20 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the aggregate of all contributions by a
21 legislative or executive agent to any other political committee, other than a ballot question
22 committee, shall not exceed the sum of \$200 per election.

23 (c) The contribution and aggregate amount limits referred to in this section shall be
24 indexed biennially for inflation by the director, who, not later than December thirty-first of each
25 even numbered year beginning with 2010, shall calculate and publish such indexed amount,
26 using the federal consumer price index for the Boston statistical area. Such limits, after being
27 calculated as above, shall be rounded to the nearest \$50; provided, that, if such resulting amount
28 is less than \$50, the director shall retain a record of the resulting amount, when added to the
29 resulting amount calculated in each even numbered year since the last adjustment was made
30 equals or exceeds \$50.

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