

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 594**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**

An Act establishing a cap on candidates' committees campaign funds..

*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 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Political party  
3 committee” the following definition:-

4 “Surplus funds”, any funds remaining in the depository account of a candidate’s  
5 committee in excess of \$30,000 for a candidate for state representative and \$100,000 for a  
6 candidate for state senate.

7 SECTION 2: Section 19 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (f) the following subsection:-

9 (g) Within 60 days after the conclusion of an election, the candidate’s committee shall be  
10 required to dispose of surplus funds: (1) in accordance with campaign finance laws as established  
11 in chapter 55; (2) by returning the remaining funds proportionally to all donors; or (3) through  
12 donation to a charitable organization.