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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to joint fundraising..

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 6 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking in line 49 the words “of money”.

SECTION 2. Said section 6 of chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, in line 53, after the words “or ward committee.” the following:-

The following expenditures shall not be considered contributions for the purposes of this section: (1) voter registration and get-out-the-vote activities; (2) preparation, display, or distribution of listings or materials including the names of three or more candidates; (3) preparation and maintenance of data provided to three or more candidates, such as polling data or lists of registered voters and voter identification information; (4) compensation for individuals working on behalf of three or more candidates of the party; (5) campaign training provided to three or more candidates; (6) campaign events or fund-raisers held for the benefit of three or more candidates; (7) other expenditures that do not name a specific candidate.

SECTION 3. Section 10A of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting in line 39, after the word “behalf” the following:- provided however, that the fundraising expenses shall be shared pro-rata and that contributions so raised may not be reserved for the future use of the special committee or the candidate or candidates on whose behalf it was formed.