

SENATE No. 364

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act Closing Campaign Finance Loopholes..

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 6 of chapter 55 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2006 official
2 edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following: -

3 “The political committee of a political party may contribute to the campaign fund of a
4 candidate; provided, however, that the aggregate of all contributions for the benefit of any one
5 candidate and the non-elected political committee organized on such candidate's behalf shall not
6 exceed in any one calendar year the sum of three thousand dollars in the case of the state
7 committee and the sum of one thousand dollars in the case of each town or ward committee. The
8 following expenditures shall not be considered contributions for the purposes of this section (1)
9 voter registration and get-out-the-vote activities; (2) preparation, display, or distribution of
10 listings or materials including the names of three or more candidates; (3) preparation and
11 maintenance of data provided to three or more candidates, such as polling data or lists of
12 registered voters and voter identification information; (4) compensation for individuals working
13 on behalf of three or more candidates of the party; (5) campaign training provided to three or

- 14 more candidates; (6) campaign events or fund-raisers held for the benefit of three or more
- 15 candidates; (7) other expenditures that do not name a specific candidate.