

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4049**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Angelo M. Scaccia*

*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 casino referenda.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>12/29/2011</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/4/2012</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/5/2012</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>		
<i>William F. Galvin</i>	<i>Secretary of the Commonwealth</i>	

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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo M. Scaccia, William F. Galvin (Secretary of the Commonwealth) and others relative to ballot questions concerning the issuance of licenses for gaming establishments. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act relative to casino referenda.

*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 18 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 16, by striking the words “, or with the city or town  
3 clerk if the question appears on ballots” and inserting in place thereof the following:- “or if a  
4 question concerns the issuance of a license for a gaming establishment in accordance with clause  
5 thirteen of section fifteen of chapter twenty-three K. Other questions which appear on ballots”

6           And, in line 17, by inserting after the words “state election” the following:- “shall be filed  
7 with the city or town clerk.”

8           And, in line 81, by inserting after the word “voters” the following:- “other than a question  
9 concerning the issuance of a license for a gaming establishment in accordance with clause  
10 thirteen of section fifteen of chapter twenty-three K”

11           And, in line 82, by inserting after the words “state election” the following new  
12 paragraph:-

13 "Political committees favoring or opposing a question submitted to the voters of a city or  
14 town concerning the issuance of a license for a gaming establishment in that city or town shall  
15 file reports with the director on (1) the sixtieth day prior to the election complete as of the  
16 preceding fifth day; (2) the fifth and twentieth day of each month complete as of the preceding  
17 first and fifteenth day of the month, until the election; (3) the thirtieth day following said election  
18 complete as of the preceding tenth day; and (4) the twentieth day of January of each year  
19 complete as of the thirty-first day of December of the prior year until all declared liabilities of  
20 such election have been discharged."

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22 SECTION 2. Section 22 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
23 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 27, by inserting after the word "election" the  
24 following:- "other than a question concerning the issuance of a license for a gaming  
25 establishment in accordance with clause thirteen of section fifteen of chapter twenty three K"

26 And, in line 39, by inserting after the word "discharged" the following new paragraph:-

27 "Any person or corporation, association, organization, or other group of persons, other  
28 than a political committee organized under section 5, favoring or opposing a question submitted  
29 to the voters of a city or town concerning the issuance of a license for a gaming establishment in  
30 that city or town in accordance with clause thirteen of section fifteen of chapter twenty three K,  
31 shall file reports required to be filed under the provisions of this section with the director on (1)  
32 the sixtieth day prior to the election complete as of the preceding fifth day; (2) the fifth and  
33 twentieth day of each month complete as of the preceding first and fifteenth day of the month,  
34 until the election; (3) the thirtieth day following said election complete as of the preceding tenth

35 day; and (4) the twentieth day of January of each year complete as of the thirty-first day of  
36 December of the prior year until all declared liabilities of such election have been discharged.”