

SENATE No. 323

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 campaign reporting..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bruce E. Tarr

Michael R. Knapik

Robert L. Hedlund

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 323) of Bruce E. Tarr, Michael R. Knapik and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation relative to campaign reporting. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 362 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to campaign reporting..

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
2 2008 Official Edition is hereby amended by deleting the first paragraph and inserting in place
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4 Section 18. Each candidate and each treasurer of a political committee shall, if
5 the candidate is seeking the office of mayor in a municipality with a total population, as
6 determined by the most recent federal decennial census of more than 40,000 persons, or if the
7 candidate or the candidate's committee, during the election cycle, can reasonably expect to raise
8 or spend more than \$5,000, or if the committee is required to file such reports with the director
9 pursuant to section 19, file with the director or, if the candidate seeks public office at a city or
10 town election, or if the committee is organized for the purpose of a city or town election, with the
11 city or town clerk, reports of contributions received and expenditures made on forms to be

12 prescribed by the director. A candidate for nomination or election to the office of mayor in a city
13 and any non-elected political committee organized on behalf of such candidate, who files such
14 reports in accordance with clause (b), shall file a copy of any such report with the director. A
15 committee organized under the provisions of section five to favor or oppose a question submitted
16 to the voters shall file its reports with the director if the question appears on ballots at a state
17 election, or with the city or town clerk if the question appears on ballots at a city or town election
18 or for use in a city or town at a state election.