

HOUSE No. 2830

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 closing a gap in campaign finance laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2013</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2013</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2013</i>
<i>Donald Humason</i>		
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	

<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	
<i>Daniel B. Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	
<i>John D. Keenan</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2830) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the failure to file certain reports by candidates under the campaign finance laws. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to closing a gap in campaign finance laws.

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 3 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth sentence of the
3 eighth paragraph, contained in lines 81 to 97, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following:-

5 The name of a candidate who is required to file campaign finance reports with the
6 director, who fails to file any statement or report after the institution of civil proceedings under
7 this section to compel such filing, shall not be printed on any municipal preliminary, state
8 primary or general or special election ballot unless the statement or report is filed prior to the
9 deadline for filing nomination papers for such candidate pursuant to chapter 53 or any charter or
10 special law establishing such filing deadline. The director shall notify the state secretary, or for
11 municipal candidates, the registrars of the city or town, of the names of those candidates against
12 whom civil proceedings have been instituted and shall do so within 72 hours of the filing
13 deadline for nomination papers for such candidate. Any candidate who is disqualified from
14 appearing on any municipal preliminary, state primary or general or special election ballot as set
15 forth above shall be ineligible to be nominated or elected as a write-in or sticker candidate unless
16 the candidate shall have filed the statements or reports which are the subject of the civil litigation
17 by the date of the preliminary, primary, or election in which the candidate is seeking nomination
18 or election. If civil proceedings are initiated against a state or county candidate for non-filing of a
19 campaign finance report or statement and the candidate files the report or statement before the
20 primary, the director shall notify the state secretary no later than 24 hours after the date of the
21 primary. If civil proceedings are initiated against a municipal candidate who files with the
22 director and the candidate files the campaign finance report or statement prior to the preliminary

23 or, if no preliminary is held, prior to the date the preliminary for the office sought would have
24 been held, the director shall notify the registrars no later than 24 hours after the date of the
25 preliminary or the date the preliminary would have been held.