

HOUSE No. 4226

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 25, 2014.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to campaign finance disclosure and transparency (House, No. 4197), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4226).

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to campaign finance disclosure and transparency.

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. The definition of “Electioneering communication” in section 1 of chapter
2 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 official edition, is hereby amended by striking
3 out, in line 89, the words “and (7) internet or email communications” and inserting in place
4 thereof the following words:- (7) email communications; and (8) internet communications which
5 are not paid advertisements.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further
7 amended by inserting after the definition of “Electioneering communication” the following
8 definition:-

9 “Electioneering communication expenditure”, any expenditure made or liability incurred
10 by an individual, group, association, corporation, labor union or other entity as payment for an
11 electioneering communication including any transfer of money or anything of value to that
12 individual or entity or another individual or entity for the purpose of making an electioneering
13 communication.

14 SECTION 3. Said section 1 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further
15 amended by striking out the definition of “Independent expenditure” and inserting in place
16 thereof the following definition:-

17 "Independent expenditure", an expenditure made or liability incurred by an individual,
18 group, association, corporation, labor union, political committee, or other entity as payment for
19 goods or services including any transfer of money or anything of value to that individual or
20 entity for the purpose of expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified
21 candidate, which is made or incurred without cooperation or consultation with any candidate or
22 a nonelected political committee organized on behalf of the candidate or an agent of the
23 candidate and which is not made or incurred in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of,

24 the candidate, a nonelected political committee organized on behalf of the candidate or agent of
25 such candidate.

26 SECTION 4. Said section 1 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further
27 amended by inserting after the definition of “Legislative agent” the following definition:-

28 "People’s committee", a political committee which is not a candidate's committee, a
29 political party committee or a ballot question committee, which (a) only receives contributions
30 from individuals, (b) limits contributions received from any individual to the indexed amount
31 provided for in this section, in the definition of “political action committee”, (c) which has been
32 in existence for six months or more, and (d) and which contributes to five or more candidates.
33 Such a committee shall initially organize as a political action committee and may become a
34 people’s committee after six months.

35 SECTION 5. Section 3 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding
36 the following paragraph:-

37 The director shall adopt regulations regarding electioneering communication
38 expenditures and independent expenditures that involve the disclosure of any transfers of money
39 or anything of value from one individual, group, association, corporation, labor union or other
40 entity to another individual, group, association, corporation, labor union or other entity for the
41 purpose of making an electioneering expenditure or independent expenditure to ensure that the
42 true origin of that expenditure is disclosed in the manner and on the schedule for reports of such
43 expenditures provided for by this chapter.

44 SECTION 6. Said chapter 55 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting
45 the following new section after section 5B:-

46 Section 5C. The office of campaign and political finance shall prepare and update from
47 time to time a training program to provide information on the requirements of this chapter
48 applicable to treasurers of political committees that file reports with the office. Every treasurer
49 of such a committee shall, within 30 days after filing an acceptance of the position with the
50 office in accordance with section 5, and every 2 years thereafter, complete the online training
51 program.

52 The office shall establish procedures for implementing this section and ensuring
53 compliance.

54 SECTION 7. Section 6 of chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking the
55 first and second paragraphs of the section and inserting in place thereof the following three
56 paragraphs:-

57 Section 6. A political committee organized or operating on behalf of a candidate for the
58 office of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state secretary, treasurer and receiver

59 general, or auditor may receive, pay and expend money or other things of value for reasonable
60 and necessary expenses directly related to the campaign of such candidate but shall not make any
61 expenditure that is primarily for the candidate's or any other person's personal use. Any other
62 political committee, duly organized on behalf of a candidate may receive, pay and expend money
63 or other things of value for the enhancement of the political future of the candidate or the
64 principle, for which the committee was organized so long as such expenditure is not primarily for
65 the candidate's or any other person's personal use, provided, however, that the director shall
66 establish reasonable rules and regulations concerning such expenditures.

67 Any political committee duly organized on behalf of a candidate may contribute to other
68 political committees and may contribute to the campaign fund of a candidate; provided that the
69 aggregate of all such contributions made by such a committee organized on behalf of a candidate
70 to another non-elected political committee organized on behalf of a candidate shall not exceed in
71 any one calendar year the sum of \$100.

72 Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, a political committee organized on behalf of a
73 candidate for statewide office which receives public financing under chapter 55C may not
74 contribute to other political committees or the campaign fund of a candidate in the calendar year
75 in which such political committee receives public financing, except a committee that receives
76 such public financing may expend funds to a political party committee for goods or services
77 provided by the political party committee to the candidate's committee.

78 SECTION 8. Section 7 of said chapter 55 of the General Laws is hereby further amended
79 by striking out, in lines 36 to 49, the words "Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 19, a
80 candidate required to designate a depository for campaign funds by section nineteen and a person
81 acting for such a candidate or such a political committee shall pay for services rendered or goods
82 sold in excess of the sum of fifty dollars only through or by the means of a check drawn upon
83 such depository and bearing the legend "Campaign Account - (name of candidate or political
84 committee)", and shall secure the signature of the person receiving such check to the following
85 certificate to be printed on all such checks: "The undersigned affirms under the penalties of
86 perjury that he is the named payee of this check or an authorized officer thereof, that he or it
87 performed the services or delivered the goods indicated hereon, that the payment is for the sole
88 purpose of paying for such goods or services and that no person other than the named payee has
89 any interest, direct or indirect, in this payment".

90 SECTION 9. Section 7A of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
91 official edition, is hereby amended by striking the words "five hundred" in line 4 and inserting in
92 place thereof:- "one thousand."

93 SECTION 10. Said Section 7A of chapter 55 is further amended by deleting subsection
94 (a)(5) appearing in lines 19-22 of the 2014 official edition.

95 SECTION 11. Section 8 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
96 striking out, in line 22, the words “Any corporation violating any provision of this section” and
97 inserting in place thereof the following words:- Any such corporation violating this chapter.

98 SECTION 12. Section 9 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
99 striking out the second paragraph of the section and inserting in place thereof the following
100 paragraph:-

101 A political committee may maintain and use a credit or debit card, obtained in accordance
102 with applicable banking laws and in the ordinary course of business, in order to make
103 expenditures for the purpose for which said committee was organized, pursuant to the provisions
104 of section six, but provided that no contribution of money may be accepted by any individual,
105 candidate or political committee, or person acting on behalf of said individual, candidate or
106 political committee, other than in accordance with the first paragraph of this section. The director
107 shall establish reasonable rules and regulations concerning the use of such credit and debit cards,
108 and shall provide instruction on disclosure of said expenditures by credit and debit card, to
109 effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

110 SECTION 13. The first paragraph of section 13 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is
111 hereby amended by inserting after first sentence, in line 8, the following words:- A person so
112 employed may not serve as treasurer of a political committee.

113 SECTION 14. The first paragraph of Section 18 of said Chapter 55, as appearing in the
114 2012 official edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words, in lines 6-10 “with a total
115 population, as determined by the most recent federal decennial census, of between 40,000 and
116 100,000 persons, if the candidate or the candidate's committee, during the election cycle, can
117 reasonably expect to raise or spend more than \$5,000”.

118 SECTION 15. Section 18 of said Chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
119 inserting, after the words “as aforesaid,” in line 75, the following words:-other than political
120 action committees and people’s committees, as defined in section 1, and independent expenditure
121 PACs organized under section 18A,.

122 SECTION 16. Section 18A of said Chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
123 striking out the section and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

124 Section 18A. (a) Every individual, group, association, corporation, labor union, political
125 committee, or other entity that makes independent expenditures in an aggregate amount
126 exceeding \$250 during any calendar year for the express purpose of promoting the election or
127 defeat of a candidate shall file with the director, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c),
128 within 7 business days after the goods or services for which the independent expenditure was
129 made are utilized to advocate for the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, on a
130 form prescribed by the director, a report stating: (1) the name and address of the individual,

131 group, association, corporation, labor union, political committee, or other entity making any such
132 independent expenditures; (2) the name of the candidate whose election or defeat the expenditure
133 promoted; (3) the name and address of any person to whom the expenditures were made; (4) the
134 total amount or value; and (5) the purpose and the date of each independent expenditure.

135 (b) In addition to any reports required by subsection (a), any individual, group,
136 association, corporation, labor union, political committee, or other entity that makes an
137 independent expenditure in an aggregate amount exceeding \$250 after the tenth day, but more
138 than 24 hours, before the date of any election, shall file a preliminary report within 24 hours after
139 the goods or services for which the independent expenditure was made are utilized, disclosing:
140 (1) the name and address of the individual, group, association, corporation, labor union, political
141 committee, or other entity making the expenditure; (2) the name of the candidate whose election
142 or defeat the expenditure promoted; (3) the name and address of any person to whom the
143 independent expenditures were made; and (4) the purpose and the date of each expenditure.

144 (c) The individual, group, association, corporation, labor union, political committee, or
145 other entity shall file an additional preliminary report within 24 hours after each time goods or
146 services valued at \$250 or more, obtained by the making of an independent expenditure, are
147 utilized with respect to the same election as that to which the initial report relates, and shall also
148 file any report required by subsection (a).

149 (d) The reports required by this section shall be filed with the director as provided in
150 section 18C if expenditures are made to promote the election or defeat of any candidate who files
151 with the director. Reports required by this section shall be filed with the city or town clerk if the
152 expenditures are made to promote the election or defeat of any candidate seeking public office at
153 a city or town election who does not file with the director.

154 (e) A political committee that receives donations to make independent expenditures is an
155 “independent expenditure PAC.” Such PACs shall organize in accordance with section 5, and
156 file reports in accordance with the schedule in section 18A(a) to (c) to disclose expenditures.
157 Such reports shall, in addition to disclosing expenditures, also disclose all campaign finance
158 information required to be disclosed by other political action committees, as listed in section 18.
159 The reporting period for the first report filed by an independent expenditure PAC shall
160 commence on the day the committee was organized and be complete through the date of the
161 expenditure(s) disclosed in the report. The reporting period for the next report shall commence
162 on the date following the last date included in the previous report and be complete through the
163 date of the expenditure(s) disclosed. Independent expenditure PACs shall also file year-end
164 reports on or before the twentieth day of January each year the committee remains in existence,
165 and shall file a final report on dissolution. The reporting period for the year-end report shall be
166 cumulative for the calendar year, commencing on January first and ending on December thirty-
167 first of each calendar year. The director shall adopt regulations regarding independent
168 expenditure PACs.

169 (f) A violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more
170 than \$5,000 or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 1 year.

171 SECTION 17. Section 18C of Chapter 55, as appearing in the 2012 official edition, is
172 hereby amended by striking out the section and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

173 Section 18C. (a) The director shall develop an electronic reporting system for the
174 submission, retrieval, storage and public disclosure of campaign finance reports and financial
175 activity statements required to be filed with the director.

176 (b) The following individuals and political committees shall be required to file
177 electronically by modem or via computer terminals provided or approved by the director:

178 (1) Each candidate that files with the director and the committee organized on behalf of
179 such candidate;

180 (2) Each ballot question committee that files with the director;

181 (3) Each state party committee referred to in section 1 of chapter 52;

182 (4) Each local party committee referred to in sections 2 and 3 of chapter 52, that raises or
183 spends more than \$5,000 in an election cycle;

184 (5) any other political committee, other than a candidate's committee or a ballot question
185 committee, if such political committee is aiding or promoting the success or defeat of one or
186 more candidates that file with the director;

187 (6) reports of late contributions received, by every political committee organized on
188 behalf of a candidate that files with the director, including committees required to designate a
189 depository on behalf of a candidate and every ballot question committee that files with the
190 director, which receives and deposits a contribution of \$500 or more after the eighteenth day, but
191 more than 72 hours, before the date of a special, preliminary, primary or general election within
192 72 hours of depositing such contribution;

193 (7) reports of late contributions received, by every state committee referred to in section 1
194 of chapter 52 required to designate a depository by section 19 of this chapter, which receives a
195 contribution of \$500 or more after the eighteenth day, but more than 24 hours before, the date of
196 a special, preliminary, primary or general election, within 72 hours of depositing such
197 contribution;

198 (8) for every political committee required to file campaign finance reports electronically
199 with the director, any reports filed pursuant to section 18D made to disclose expenditures by
200 vendors of the committee to subvendors;

201 (9) an individual, group, association, corporation, labor union, political committee, or
202 other entity that is required to file a report of independent expenditures with the director in
203 accordance with section 18A;

204 (10) every individual, group, association, corporation, labor union, or other entity that
205 makes an electioneering communication expenditure in an aggregate amount exceeding \$250
206 during any calendar year in accordance with section 18F.

207 SECTION 18. Section 18D of Chapter 55, as appearing in the 2012 official edition, is
208 hereby amended by striking out the section and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

209 Section 18D. (a) For the purpose of this section the following words shall, unless the
210 context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

211 "Expenditure", any payment made or liability incurred by a vendor on behalf of a
212 political committee, or on behalf of an individual or group required to file a report of ballot
213 question expenditures under section 22.

214 "Person", a natural person, corporation, association, partnership or other legal entity.

215 "Subvendor", a person providing goods or services to a vendor or who contracts with a
216 vendor to provide goods or services to a committee, or to an individual or group required to file a
217 report of ballot question expenditures under section 22.

218 "Vendor", any person including, but not limited to, a consultant, who provides goods or
219 services to a political committee that files with the director or to an individual or group required
220 to file a report of ballot question expenditures under section 22, and either receives or is
221 promised \$5,000 or more in the aggregate during a calendar year by the committee or individual
222 or group for such goods or services, or contracts with another on behalf of the committee,
223 individual or group for such goods or services valued at \$5,000 or more in the aggregate to be
224 provided to the committee, individual or group.

225 (b) A vendor that makes an expenditure on behalf of a political committee, or to an
226 individual or group required to file a report of ballot question expenditures under section 22,
227 shall within 5 days of making such expenditure provide the political committee, individual or
228 group, with a detailed account of the expenditure including, but not limited to, the date of the
229 expenditure, the person who received payment, the full name and address of the subvendor, the
230 purpose of the expenditure, and the amount of the expenditure.

231 (c) A political committee, or an individual or group required to file a report of ballot
232 question expenditures under section 22, that makes a payment to a vendor or incurs a liability to
233 a vendor shall file reports with the director, or if the expenditure concerns a local candidate who
234 does not file with the director, or a local ballot question, with the clerk, disclosing the full name
235 and address, listed alphabetically, of each subvendor receiving payments of more than \$500 in

236 the aggregate during a calendar year from the vendor, and of each subvendor to whom a liability
237 of more than \$500 was incurred. The contents of such report shall include the information
238 required by section 18 and shall be disclosed on a form prescribed by the director. For
239 committees required to designate a depository account under section 19, the reports shall be filed
240 on or before the fifth day of each month covering the preceding month; provided, however, that
241 for other committees, individuals or groups, the report must be filed in accordance with the
242 schedule established by sections 18 and 22.

243 (d) Vendors shall keep detailed accounts of all expenditures made on behalf of political
244 committees, or on behalf of individuals or groups required to file a report of ballot question
245 expenditures under section 22 .

246 SECTION 19. Said chapter 55 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by striking
247 out section 18F, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

248 Section 18F. Every individual, group, association, corporation, labor union or other entity
249 not defined as a political committee who makes an electioneering communication expenditure, in
250 an aggregate amount exceeding \$250 during a calendar year, shall electronically file with the
251 director, within 7 days after making that expenditure, a report stating the name and address of the
252 individual, group, association, corporation, labor union or other entity making the electioneering
253 communication, the name of any candidate clearly identified in the communication, the total
254 amount or value of the communication, the name and address of the vendor to whom the
255 payments were made and the purpose and date of any such expenditure. In addition, any
256 individual, group, association, corporation, labor union or other entity not defined as a political
257 committee who makes electioneering communication expenditures, in an aggregate amount
258 exceeding \$250 during a calendar year, who receives funds for the purpose of making such
259 electioneering communications shall include in the electronic filing the date the funds were
260 received and the name and address of the provider of any such funds in excess of \$250, if any,
261 and the value of the funds received. Reports required under this section shall be filed with the
262 director, as provided in section 18C, if electioneering communications refer to any candidate
263 who files with the director. Reports required under this section shall be filed with the city or
264 town clerk if the electioneering communications refer to any candidate seeking public office in a
265 city or town election who does not otherwise file with the director.

266 Any person, group, association, corporation, labor union or other entity that makes or
267 contracts to make electioneering communications aggregating \$1,000 or more within 7 days
268 before the date of an election shall file a report containing the information required under this
269 section within 48 hours after making such expenditure.

270 A violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by
271 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 1 year.

272 SECTION 20. Section 18G of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
273 inserting after the first paragraph the following 1 paragraph:-

274 If the independent expenditure or electioneering communication is paid for by an entity
275 that is not an individual, the advertisement or communication shall contain the words “Top
276 Contributors” and a written statement listing the 5 persons or entities, or if less than 5 persons or
277 entities then the total of all such persons or entities, making the largest contributions to that
278 entity for the purpose of making an independent expenditure or electioneering communication;
279 provided, that such contributions shall be in excess of \$5,000 reportable under this chapter
280 during the 12-month period before the date of the advertisement or communication. If no such
281 contribution is received by the entity making an independent expenditure or electioneering
282 communication, then the advertisement or communication may exclude such a statement.

283 SECTION 21. Section 19 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
284 striking out the section and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

285 Section 19. (a) Candidates for nomination or election to the offices of governor,
286 lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer and receiver general,
287 auditor, governor’s council, district attorney, clerk of court, register of probate, registrar of
288 deeds, county commissioner, county treasurer, and sheriff, mayor or, city council or alderman in
289 a city with a total population, as determined by the most recent decennial federal census, of
290 75,000 or more persons and the treasurer of each state committee referred to in section one of
291 chapter fifty-two, and the treasurer of the nonelected political committee authorized by any of
292 the aforesaid candidates, and the treasurers of people’s committees and political action
293 committees that file with the director, other than independent expenditure PACs, shall forthwith,
294 upon the organization of said political committee, or upon becoming a candidate in accordance
295 with the provision of clauses (1) and (2) of the definition of candidate in section 1, designate a
296 financial institution as a depository for the campaign funds of such candidate or political
297 committee. The financial institution so designated shall be a national bank, federal savings bank,
298 federal savings and loan association or federal credit union, if such bank, association or credit
299 union is authorized to transact business and has its main office or a branch office in the
300 commonwealth; or a trust company, credit union, co-operative bank or savings bank, if such
301 company, credit union or bank is organized and exists under the laws of the commonwealth or
302 any other state of the United States or is otherwise authorized to transact business in the
303 commonwealth and has its main office or a branch office in the commonwealth. Each such
304 candidate, and the treasurer of each such political committee shall file with the director, no later
305 than the third business day following the designation of such depository, a certificate of
306 appointment containing the name of the financial institution so designated, and the name of the
307 candidate or political committee, and shall authorize the financial institution so designated to
308 submit the reports required by subsection (d). Such certificate of appointment, reflecting the
309 financial institution’s agreement to comply with the requirements of this section, must also be
310 signed by an authorized employee of the financial institution.

311 (b) Every candidate and the treasurer of every committee required to designate a
312 depository shall deposit contributions in the form received within seven days of receipt. Any
313 candidate or treasurer required to designate a depository shall file with the director, by the fifth
314 and twentieth day of each month, the following information: (1) a list of all contributions of
315 more than fifty dollars deposited as of the first or fifteenth day of the month, and since the last
316 such statement, including the names and addresses alphabetically, (2) for each person who has
317 made a contribution in an amount or value of two hundred dollars or more in any calendar year,
318 the occupation and employer of the contributor, and such information for each contribution of
319 less than two hundred dollars, if the aggregate of all contributions received from such contributor
320 within any one calendar year is two hundred dollars or more, and (3) a summary of all
321 contributions of fifty dollars or less deposited during the reporting period that are not itemized in
322 the report.

323 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all payments for campaign purposes
324 made by or for the benefit of a candidate or by the treasurer of a committee which are in excess
325 of one hundred dollars shall be made only from funds on deposit in said depository through
326 checks drawn on such depository and indicating that such checks are drawn on the campaign
327 account of the candidate or the political committee involved. All checks drawn on such
328 campaign accounts shall be payable either to the order of a named payee not the candidate or
329 treasurer or, if for no more than fifty one hundred dollars, may be payable to the candidate or
330 treasurer. The "memo" line of the check shall be used by the committee issuing the check to
331 indicate the specific purpose of the expenditure.

332 A candidate or treasurer of a political committee required to designate a depository may
333 make expenditures by wire transfer or other electronic means for broadcast, cablecast or other
334 media services and for payroll services made in connection with employee deductions and
335 withholdings. Expenditures may also be made by credit or debit card, provided that candidates
336 or treasurers making such expenditures shall ensure that the date, amount, and specific purpose
337 of each expenditure is disclosed in accordance with regulations to be issued by the director.

338 (d) The cashier or treasurer of the bank, selected by any candidate or committee as above
339 provided, shall file with the director by the fifth day and twentieth day of each month, the
340 following information: a statement of the balance as of the preceding first day or fifteenth day of
341 the month, together with a summary of all credits to the account since the last such statement and
342 a list of all the debits to the account since the last such statement. The bank shall also report, to
343 the extent such information is available, the names and addresses of the payees and the amount
344 of each check, and the purposes for which the money was paid as thereon indicated.

345 (e) Such accounts shall remain in existence until the election and so long thereafter as a
346 candidate or political committee has unpaid obligations still outstanding, and candidates and
347 treasurers required to file reports under this section shall continue to file year-end campaign
348 finance reports in accordance with section 18 every year the committee remains in existence.

349 (f) Each committee required to designate a depository on behalf of a candidate that files
350 with the director in accordance with this section and which receives and deposits a contribution
351 of \$500 or more after the eighteenth day but more than 72 hours before the date of a special,
352 preliminary, primary or general election shall file a report to disclose the information required by
353 this section within 72 hours of depositing such contribution. In addition, each state committee
354 referred to in section 1 of chapter 52 required to designate a depository pursuant to this section
355 and which receives a contribution of \$500 or more after the eighteenth day, but more than 24
356 hours, before the date of a special, preliminary, primary or general election, shall file a report to
357 disclose the information required by this section, within 72 hours of depositing such
358 contribution.

359 Any candidate or political committee which fails to file any report required by this
360 section shall be assessed, and shall pay to the state treasurer, a penalty not greater than ten
361 dollars for each day such candidate or political committee has not filed such report.

362 Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not more
363 than six months or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

364 SECTION 22. Section 22 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
365 adding the following sentence at the end of the fifth paragraph, at line 44:- A person,
366 corporation, association, organization, or group required to file a report under this section is also
367 subject to subvendor disclosure requirements under section 18D.

368 SECTION 23. Section 27 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
369 striking out the section and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

370 Section 27. The director shall make available to city and town clerks a summary of this
371 chapter and forms approved by him and by the attorney general, suitable for the submission of
372 such statements and reports as are required by this chapter. The city and town clerk shall transmit
373 forms to all candidates for nomination or election to city or town office, who are known to him,
374 and to all political committees required to file with him.

375 The director shall make available to all candidates and political committees required to
376 file with him forms for filing and a summary of this chapter.

377 SECTION 24. Sections 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 21 shall take effect January 1, 2015.