

HOUSE No. 563

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Binienda

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 prohibiting certain election practices..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Binienda</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>

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By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 563) of John J. Binienda and Michael O. Moore for legislation to regulate the registration of certain web sites by political parties, committees and candidates for public office. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3113 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act prohibiting certain election practices..

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. Chapter 56 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 41A the following section:

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4 Section 41B. No political party, political committee or person, including but not limited
5 to a candidate for elective office or a supporter thereof, shall register a web site that could be
6 identified as the web site of another person who is an elected official, or a candidate or potential
7 candidate for elective office. Whoever knowingly violated this section shall be punished by a
8 fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months.