

HOUSE No. 577

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter V. Kocot

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 limiting contributions to ballot question committees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/28/2015</i>

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 577) of Peter V. Kocot, Jonathan Hecht and Ellen Story relative to limiting contributions to ballot question committees. Election Laws.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to limiting contributions to ballot question committees.

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 7A of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the words, in lines 17 and 18 “without limitation
3 to ballot question committees” and inserting in place thereof the following words: up to \$500 to
4 ballot question committees in support or opposition of each question submitted to the voters.

5 SECTION 2. Section 8 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
6 amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following words:- Such corporations or
7 such holders of stock may make contributions totaling up to \$500 to ballot question committees
8 in support or opposition of each question submitted to the voters.