

**SENATE . . . . . No. 390**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 finance during special elections.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                         | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                     |
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| <i>Richard J. Ross</i>        | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i>           | <i>9th Norfolk</i>                    |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>          | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>      |
| <i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>      | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>           |
| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>   |
| <i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>    | <i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>        |
| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>        | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>          |
| <i>Leah Cole</i>              | <i>12th Essex</i>                     |

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 390) of Richard J. Ross, Shawn Dooley, Robert L. Hedlund, Viriato M. deMacedo and others for legislation relative to campaign finance during special elections. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 336 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to campaign finance during special elections.

*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 1 of chapter 55 in the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new definition after the first  
3 definition:-

4           “Calendar Year”, any year beginning on January 1st and ending December 31st. There  
5 shall be a special election exemption for campaign contributions if a special election and a  
6 general election occur within the same calendar year. Contributions may not exceed the defined  
7 limits set forth in this chapter, for each election cycle during said calendar year.