

HOUSE No. 3716

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Geoff Diehl

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 the regulation of certain elections by the office of campaign and political finance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	

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By Mr. Diehl of Whitman, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3716) of Geoff Diehl, David F. DeCoste and Shaunna L. O'Connell relative to the regulation of certain elections by the Office of Campaign and Political Finance. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the regulation of certain elections by the office of campaign and political finance.

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 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “office”, in line 11, the following
3 words:- , or state committee, as provided in section 1 of chapter 52.

4 SECTION 2. Section 5 of chapter 268B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
5 amended by striking out subsections (a) and (b) and inserting in place the following 2
6 subsections:-

7 (a) Every candidate for public office or state committee, as provided in section 1 of
8 chapter 52, shall file a statement of financial interest for the preceding calendar year with the
9 commission on or before the date on which a certificate of nomination or nomination papers for
10 such candidate are submitted to the state secretary. Every candidate for public office or state
11 committee, as provided in section 1 of chapter 52, who has not filed nomination papers with the

12 state secretary, but on whose behalf a statement of organization of a political committee has been
13 filed with the director of campaign and political finance pursuant to section 5 of chapter 55, and
14 who is seeking public office by the so-called “write in” or “sticker” method, shall within 3 days
15 after such filing file a statement of financial interest with the commission.

16 (b) Every public official and state committee member shall file a statement of financial
17 interest for the preceding calendar year with the commission on or before the last Tuesday in
18 May of the year in which such public official or state committee member first enters such office
19 and of each year that such public official or state committee member holds such office, and on or
20 before May first of the year after such public official or state committee member leaves such
21 office; provided, however, that no public official or state committee member shall be required to
22 file a statement of financial interests for the year in which he ceased to be a public official or
23 state committee member if he served for less than 30 days in such year.