

HOUSE No. 4165

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David F. DeCoste

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

David F. DeCoste
Douglas Thomson

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Plymouth

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By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David F. DeCoste and Douglas Thomson for legislation to exempt certain candidates from signing certain campaign finance affidavits. Election Laws.

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

An Act relative to campaign 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 18 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the second to last paragraph, contained in lines 347 to 354,
3 inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:- Candidates who have no
4 political committee organized on their behalf and who have not received any campaign
5 contributions, incurred any liabilities, nor expended money on their behalf during any reporting
6 period shall not be required to sign an affidavit stating that they have not received a campaign
7 contribution, incurred any liabilities, nor made any expenditure on their own behalf.