

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4165**

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**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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>5/4/2017</i>
<i>Douglas Thomson</i>		<i>5/4/2017</i>

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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)**  
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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.