

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4087**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 25, 2019.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to campaign finance (House, No. 4072), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4087).

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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 1. Section 1 of chapter 55 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Contribution” the following  
3 definition:-

4           “County office”, offices of a district attorney, clerk of court, register of probate, registrar  
5 of deeds, county commissioner, county treasurer or sheriff.

6           SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further  
7 amended by inserting after the definition of “Political party committee” the following definition:-

8           “State office”, the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, state secretary, attorney  
9 general, state treasurer and receiver general, state auditor, state senate, house of representatives  
10 or governor’s council.

11           SECTION 3. Section 3 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
12 out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

13           There shall be a commission of campaign and political finance, which shall consist of 5  
14 members: 1 of whom shall be the governor; 1 of whom shall be the attorney general; 1 of whom  
15 shall be the state secretary; and 2 of whom shall be appointed by a majority vote of the governor,  
16 attorney general and the state secretary, 1 of whom shall be an elected municipal official and 1 of  
17 whom shall be an elected county official. The state secretary shall serve as the chair of the  
18 commission. The terms of the elected municipal official and the elected county official shall be 6  
19 years but shall expire upon said official ceasing to hold elected office. Meetings of the  
20 commission may be called by the state secretary or by any 3 members of the commission. Not  
21 more than 3 commissioners shall be from the same political party.

22           SECTION 4. Said section 3 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further  
23 amended by striking out, in line 12, the word “unanimous” and inserting in place thereof the  
24 following words:- a four fifths.

25           SECTION 5. Said chapter 55 is hereby further amended by striking out section 18, as so  
26 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

27           Section 18. (a) Each candidate and each treasurer of a political committee shall, except as  
28 provided in this section and section 24, file with the director reports of contributions received  
29 and expenditures made. A candidate and a committee organized on behalf of a candidate seeking  
30 public office at a municipal election shall file such reports with the director, if the candidate is  
31 seeking the office of mayor in a municipality or if the committee is required to file such reports  
32 with the director pursuant to section 19. All other candidates seeking public office at a city or  
33 town election shall file reports with the city or town clerk. A committee organized under section  
34 5 to favor or oppose a question submitted to the voters shall file its reports with the director if the

35 question appears on ballots at a state election, or with the city or town clerk if the question  
36 appears on ballots at a city or town election or for use in a city or town at a state election.  
37 Reports of contributions received and expenditures made shall be filed using forms prescribed by  
38 the director. Reports required pursuant to this section shall be filed as follows:

39 (1) by each candidate for nomination or election to city or town office, and by the non-  
40 elected political committee organized on behalf of such candidate, except a candidate required to  
41 designate a depository by section 19 or a candidate seeking election as a member of a  
42 representative town meeting or of a town or city ward committee, and any non-elected political  
43 committee organized on behalf of such candidate, on or before: (i) the 8th day preceding a city or  
44 town preliminary or primary, including a caucus, the 8th day preceding a city or town election,  
45 and if a city election, as a final report, January 20th in the following year complete as to  
46 December 31st of the prior year, and if a town election, as a final report, the 30th day following  
47 said election; (ii) the 8th day preceding a special primary, including a caucus, the 8th day  
48 preceding a special election, and, as a final report, the 30th day following a special election;

49 (2) by each candidate and each non-elected political committee required to designate a  
50 depository by section 19, on or before: (i) the 3rd business day following the designation of such  
51 depository, and (ii) as a final report, January 20th of the year following the election, complete as  
52 to December 31st of the prior year.

53 The reporting period of the initial report shall commence on the day following the  
54 preceding election for the office sought by the candidate, or on the day following the end of the  
55 reporting period of the last report filed, if any, whichever period is shorter, and shall end as of  
56 the day such depository is designated.

57           The reporting period of the second report shall commence on the day following the  
58 designation of the depository and shall end as of December 31st of the year of the election;

59           (3) by the treasurer of each state committee referred to in section 1 of chapter 52 and  
60 required to designate a depository by section 19, on or before: (i) the 3rd business day following  
61 the designation of such depository; and (ii) as a final report, January 20th of the year following  
62 the election complete as to December 31st of the prior year.

63           The reporting period of the initial report shall commence on the day following the  
64 preceding biennial state election, or on the day following the end of the reporting period of the  
65 last report filed, if any, whichever period is shorter, and shall end as of the day such depository is  
66 designated.

67           The reporting period of the second report shall commence on the day following the  
68 designation of the depository and shall end as of December 31st of the year of the election;

69           (4) by all other non-elected and elected political committees which are not required to file  
70 reports as aforesaid other than political action committees and people's committees as defined in  
71 section 1, independent expenditure PACs organized pursuant to section 18A and political  
72 committees organized under the provisions of section 5 to favor or oppose a question submitted  
73 to the voters, if the question appears on the ballot at the state election, on or before: (i) the same  
74 days and in accordance with the same schedule as set forth in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of  
75 section 19, if the political committee is aiding or promoting the success or defeat of 1 or more  
76 candidates in a state primary, special or general election; or (ii) the same days and in accordance  
77 with the same schedule as set forth in clause (1), if the political committee is aiding or promoting  
78 the success or defeat of 1 or more candidates, or is favoring or opposing a question submitted to

79 the voters, in a city or town preliminary, primary, general or special election or for use on ballots  
80 in a city or town at a state election;

81 (5) by each political committee organized under the provisions of said section 5 to favor  
82 or oppose a question submitted to the voters, if the question appears on the ballot at the state  
83 election on (i) the day of the organization; and (ii) the 60th day prior to the election complete as  
84 of the preceding 5th day; on or before (iii) the 5th and 20th day of each month complete as of the  
85 preceding 1st and 15th day of the month, until the election, and thereafter; (iv) November 20th  
86 following such election complete as of November 15th; and (v) January 20th of each year  
87 complete as of December 31st of the prior year until all declared liabilities of such committee  
88 have been discharged.

89 The reporting period of the initial report shall commence on the day following the  
90 preceding biennial state election, or on the day following the end of the reporting period of the  
91 last report filed, if any, whichever period is shorter, and shall end as of the day of organization.

92 The reporting period of the second report shall commence on the day following said day  
93 of organization and shall end as of the 60th day prior to the election.

94 The reporting period of all subsequent reports shall commence on the day following the  
95 end of the reporting period of the last report filed and shall end as of the 1st or 15th day of each  
96 month, as the case may be;

97 (6) by all candidates and all political committees, except those candidates seeking  
98 election as members of a representative town meeting, or of a city ward or town committee, and  
99 non-elected political committees organized on behalf of such candidates, on or before January

100 20th in each year in which they are not otherwise required to file a report on or before January  
101 20th.

102 (b) For candidates, and non-elected political committees organized on behalf of such  
103 candidates for whom the report required pursuant to clause (6) of subsection (a) would be an  
104 initial report, the reporting period shall commence on the day following the preceding election  
105 for the office sought by such candidate and shall end as of December 31st of the year prior to the  
106 last day for filing; and for all other political committees for which said report would be an initial  
107 report, the reporting period shall commence on the day following the preceding state, city or  
108 town election, as the case may be, and in accordance with the provisions of this section  
109 governing said initial report of such committees, and shall end as of December 31st of the year  
110 prior to the last day for filing said report. The reporting period for the report required to be filed  
111 on or before January 20th in each odd-numbered year shall commence on the day following the  
112 end of the reporting period of the last report filed and shall end as of December 31st of the prior  
113 year.

114 The reports required to be filed in accordance with the provisions of clause (1) of  
115 subsection (a), except for the report to be filed in accordance with said provisions on or before  
116 January 20th of the year following the election, shall not be required of a candidate, or of the  
117 non-elected political committee organized on behalf of said candidate, if the candidate is not a  
118 candidate as defined in clause (2) of the definition of candidate in section 1.

119 Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (a) for those  
120 contributions received subsequent to the end of the reporting period of the last report filed, which  
121 was identified in said clauses as a final report, by a candidate or political committee, and

122 intended for application to the preceding election of said candidate or of said reporting political  
123 committee, an additional report, which shall be the final report for such candidates and  
124 committees shall be required. This report shall be filed on or before January 20th following the  
125 last day for filing said final report of clauses (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (a) and shall be  
126 complete as of December 31st of the prior year. The reporting period of said report shall  
127 commence on the day following the end of the reporting period of the last report, or final report  
128 required to be filed by said clauses.

129 (c) Except as otherwise provided, each candidate and the non-elected political committee  
130 organized on behalf of said candidate, shall, within the filing of the initial report, include all  
131 contributions received and expenditures made since the day of the preceding election for the  
132 office sought by the candidate, or since the end of the reporting period of the last report filed, if  
133 any, whichever reporting period is shorter, and all other political committees shall, within the  
134 filing of their initial report, include all contributions received and expenditures made since: (1)  
135 the day of the preceding biennial state election, or the end of the reporting period of the last  
136 report filed, if any, whichever period is shorter, if the political committee is either aiding or  
137 promoting the success or defeat of 1 or more candidates, or is favoring or opposing the adoption  
138 or rejection of a question submitted to the voters, at a state primary or election, or (2) the day of  
139 the preceding city or town election, or the end of the reporting period of the last report filed, if  
140 any, whichever period is shorter, if the political committee is either aiding or promoting the  
141 success or defeat of 1 or more candidates, or is favoring or opposing the adoption or rejection of  
142 a question submitted to the voters, at a city or town preliminary, primary or election.

143 (d) Except as otherwise provided, the end of the reporting period of each report required  
144 to be filed under the provisions of this section shall be as of the 10th day preceding the last day



145 for filing. The beginning of the reporting period for each report subsequent to the initial report  
146 shall be the day following the end of the reporting period of the last report filed.

147 The reports required to be filed by this section shall be cumulative during the calendar  
148 year to which they relate.

149 Where there has been no change in an item included in a previous report, only the amount  
150 of the item need be carried forward.

151 Whether or not a contribution has been received or an expenditure has been made during  
152 any reporting period as described in this section, a candidate or political committee shall file the  
153 required report for said reporting period.

154 (e) Each report required to be filed pursuant to this section by a candidate or political  
155 committee shall disclose:

156 (1) the amount of money on hand at the beginning of the reporting period;

157 (2) the full name and residential address, listed alphabetically, of each person who has  
158 made a contribution, except for those contributions identified in clauses (4), (5) and (6) and  
159 which shall be reported therein, in an amount or value in excess of \$50 in the reporting period,  
160 and such information for each contribution of less than or equal to the sum of \$50, if the  
161 aggregate of all contributions received from such contributor within said reporting period is in  
162 excess of \$50, as the case may be, and the amount or value and date of the contribution and the  
163 total of all contributions listed;

164 (3) the total amount or value of contributions made in the reporting period, and not  
165 otherwise reported under clause (2);

166 (4) the name and address, listed alphabetically, of each candidate or political committee  
167 from which was received any money or anything of value in a reporting period, together with the  
168 amount or value thereof and the date received;

169 (5) the name and address of the principal officers of any trust, foundation and association  
170 from which was received a contribution, as provided in section 10;

171 (6) the amount or value and date of each loan to or from any person, in the reporting  
172 period, together with the name and residential address of the lender and endorser, if any, listed  
173 alphabetically;

174 (7) the total sum of all contributions received, in the reporting period, which is the sum of  
175 clauses (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6);

176 (8) the full name and address, listed alphabetically, of each person to whom an  
177 expenditure is made, in the reporting period, except for those identified in clause (10), and shall  
178 report therein, for each amount or value in excess of \$50, the amount and value, date and purpose  
179 of each expenditure and the total of all expenditures listed, and in the case of a political party  
180 committee organized in accordance with chapter 52 or a political committee supporting more  
181 than 1 candidate, the name and address, the elective office held, if any, and office sought by each  
182 candidate on whose behalf the expenditure was made;

183 (9) the total amount or value of expenditures made in the reporting period, and not  
184 otherwise reported under clause (8);

185 (10) in the case of a candidate or political committee, the name and address, listed  
186 alphabetically, of each candidate or political committee to which was transferred any money or

187 anything of value, in the reporting period, together with the amount or value thereof and the date  
188 of such transfer;

189 (11) the total sum of expenditures made, in the reporting period, which is the sum of  
190 clauses (8), (9) and (10);

191 (12) the amount and date of each then existing liability remaining unfulfilled and in force  
192 when the report is made, the name and address of the person to whom the liability exists, and a  
193 clear statement of the purpose for which it was incurred;

194 (13) a listing of all banks or other financial institutions used;

195 (14) in the event of a dissolution of a political committee, a statement of such dissolution  
196 detailing the intended or actual disposition of any residual funds; and

197 (15) in the event of a dissolution of a political action committee, a statement that the  
198 political action committee has not received contributions pursuant to section 9A or, if it has  
199 received such contributions, a statement that the political action committee has given 60 days  
200 written notice of its intended dissolution to any contributor and said contributor's bank or other  
201 financial institution currently making contributions pursuant to said section 9A.

202 (f) In addition, each report required to be filed under the provisions of this section shall  
203 also include the name, residential address, and amount contributed in that reporting period, of  
204 each person whose contributions in the aggregate exceed more than \$50 in the calendar year, for  
205 those contributions where said information does not otherwise appear on the report.

206 (g) In addition, each report required to be filed under the provisions of this section shall  
207 also include the occupation and name of employer or employers for each person whose

208 contribution or contributions in the aggregate equals or exceeds the sum of \$200 within any  
209 calendar year; provided, however, that no candidate or political committee shall be required to  
210 include such occupation and employer if, upon compliance with the requirements of section 2  
211 concerning the inclusion of such occupation and employer, said candidate or political committee  
212 has not been able to obtain such information.

213 (h) Each year-end campaign finance report filed by a candidate or non-elected political  
214 committee required to designate a depository by section 19 and who also maintains or who has  
215 maintained a savings account or money market account, shall disclose, for each reporting period,  
216 all activity in any such account. Nothing in this section shall authorize a transfer made from any  
217 such savings or money market accounts to an account other than the depository account  
218 established by a candidate or committee in accordance with said section 19.

219 (i) Every political committee organized on behalf of a candidate that files with the  
220 director, and every ballot question committee that files with the director, which receives and  
221 deposits a contribution in the amount of \$500 or more after the 18th day, but more than 72 hours,  
222 before the date of a special, preliminary, primary or general election, shall file a report to  
223 disclose the information required by this section, within 72 hours of depositing such  
224 contribution.

225 (j) In addition, the report required to be filed on or before January 20th shall contain a  
226 statement detailing the intended or actual disposition of any residual funds. Such residual funds  
227 shall not be converted to the personal use of the candidate or any other person except as provided  
228 in this subsection. Such residual funds shall be donated to:

229 (1) the General Fund;

230 (2) an entity subject to chapter 67 or section 8 of chapter 12; provided, however, that the  
231 candidate, treasurer or any official of the political committee shall not be related by  
232 consanguinity or affinity to any trustee, officer, principal or beneficiary of said entity either at  
233 the time of the gift or within 10 years from the date of such gift; provided, further, that no entity  
234 may employ as a trustee, officer, principal or beneficiary any person related by consanguinity or  
235 affinity to the candidate, treasurer or any official of the political committee either at the time of  
236 the gift or within 10 years from the date of such gift;

237 (3) a scholarship fund; provided, however, that the candidate, treasurer or any official of  
238 the political committee shall not participate in the selection of the beneficiary of any scholarship  
239 awarded from such fund; and, provided further, the beneficiary of any scholarship awarded from  
240 such fund shall not be related by consanguinity or affinity to the candidate, treasurer or any  
241 official of the political committee; or

242 (4) the general fund of any city or town in the commonwealth.

243 (k) The director may petition the supreme judicial court for the dissolution of a political  
244 committee, if (1) such political committee fails to comply for 2 consecutive years with  
245 provisions of this section requiring the filing of reports of contributions received and  
246 expenditures made; (2) the candidate on whose behalf such political committee has been  
247 organized has died; or (3) such political committee was organized for the purpose of favoring or  
248 opposing the adoption or rejection of a question submitted to the voters and there has been a final  
249 determination made as to the adoption or rejection of such question.

250 By such petition, the director may request the court to authorize the administration of any  
251 funds held by such political committee in accordance with the provisions of this section

252 regarding residual funds. The court, after notice by mail or otherwise as it may order, may  
253 dissolve such political committee. The director may include more than 1 political committee in a  
254 single application.

255 (l) Any person nominated by the governor for a position that requires confirmation by the  
256 executive council shall, within 6 months of the date of confirmation, dissolve any political  
257 committee organized on behalf of such person and disperse all funds remaining in such  
258 committee's account in accordance with this section.

259 (m) Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not  
260 more than 1 year, or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.

261 (n) The provisions of this section requiring candidates to file reports shall not apply to  
262 candidates who during any reporting period have not received contributions, incurred any  
263 liabilities, nor made expenditures on their own behalf independent from the political committee  
264 organized on their behalf. Said candidates shall sign an affidavit under the pains and penalties of  
265 perjury that they have not received any contributions, incurred any liabilities, nor made any  
266 expenditures on their own behalf during that reporting period. Said affidavit shall be made on the  
267 report filed by the candidate's political committee for that reporting period.

268 (o) Candidates who have no political committee organized on their behalf and who have  
269 not received any campaign contributions, incurred any liabilities, nor expended money on their  
270 behalf during any reporting period need only sign an affidavit on a form provided by the director  
271 stating that they have not received a campaign contribution, incurred any liabilities, nor made  
272 any expenditure on their own behalf. Said statement shall be signed under the pains and penalties  
273 of perjury.

274 (p) The provisions of this section requiring city, town and ward committees established  
275 under the provisions of chapter 52 to file reports shall not apply to any city, town or ward  
276 committee which has not received contributions or made expenditures in excess of \$100 during  
277 any reporting period, nor incurred liabilities or acquired or disposed of assets in excess of \$100  
278 during any reporting period.

279 SECTION 6. Section 19 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
280 striking out, in lines 1 through 6, inclusive, the words “Candidates for nomination or election to  
281 the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, state secretary, attorney general, state treasurer and  
282 receiver general, state auditor, governor’s council, district attorney, clerk of court, register of  
283 probate, registrar of deeds, county commissioner, county treasurer and sheriff, mayor or” and  
284 inserting in place thereof the following words:- Candidates for state office or for county office,  
285 or mayor, and candidates for.

286 SECTION 7. Said section 19 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further  
287 amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

288 (b) (1) A candidate and the treasurer of a political committee required to designate a  
289 depository shall deposit contributions in the form received within 7 days of receipt.

290 (2) Any candidate or treasurer required to designate a depository, except a candidate or a  
291 treasurer of a candidate’s committee for nomination or election to the state senate or house of  
292 representatives, shall file with the director, by the fifth day of each month, the following  
293 information: (i) a list of all contributions of more than \$50 deposited as of the last day of the  
294 preceding month and since the last statement, including an alphabetical list of names and  
295 addresses of each person making a contribution; (ii) for a person who has made a contribution in

296 an amount of or with a value of \$200 or more in any calendar year, the occupation and employer  
297 of the contributor and the information for each contribution of less than \$200 if the aggregate of  
298 all contributions received from the contributor within any calendar year is \$200 or more; and (iii)  
299 a summary of all contributions of \$50 or less deposited that are not itemized on the report.

300 (3) A candidate or a treasurer of a candidate's committee for nomination or election to  
301 the state senate or house of representatives shall file with the director the information required  
302 pursuant to paragraph (2) according to the following schedule:

303 (i) on or before: (A) in each odd-numbered year: January 20th, complete as to December  
304 31st of the previous year; April 20th, complete as to March 31st; July 20th, complete as to June  
305 30th; and October 20th, complete as to September 30th; (B) in each even-numbered year:  
306 January 20th, complete as to December 31st of the previous year; April 20th, complete as to  
307 March 31st; July 20th, complete as to June 30th; the 8th day preceding a primary; and the 8th  
308 day preceding a biennial state election.

309 (ii) Each such candidate participating in a special election shall file the following  
310 additional reports, on or before: the 8th day preceding a special primary, including a convention  
311 or a caucus; the 8th day preceding a special election; the 30th day following a special election;  
312 and January 20th of the following year, complete as to the December 31st of the prior year.

313 (iii) Except as otherwise provided, the end of the reporting period of each report required  
314 to be filed under the provisions of this paragraph shall be as of the 10th day preceding the last  
315 day for filing. The beginning of the reporting period for each report subsequent to the initial  
316 report shall be the day following the end of the reporting period of the last report filed.



317           The reports required to be filed by this paragraph shall be cumulative during the calendar  
318 year to which they relate.

319           SECTION 8. Said section 19 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further  
320 amended by inserting, in line 72, after the word “director” the following:- ; provided further, that  
321 a candidate or a treasurer of a candidate’s committee for nomination or election to the state  
322 senate or house of representatives, shall provide such disclosures on the same schedule as set  
323 forth in paragraph (3) of subsection (b).

324           SECTION 9. Said section 19 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further  
325 amended by striking out, in line 75, the words “and twentieth day”.

326           SECTION 10. Said section 19 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further  
327 amended by striking out, in lines 76 to 77, inclusive, the words “preceding first day or fifteenth  
328 day of the month” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- last day of the preceding  
329 month.

330           SECTION 11. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the office of  
331 campaign and political finance shall, pursuant to section 3 of chapter 55 of the General Laws,  
332 promulgate regulations, in consultation with the state ethics commission, relative to the  
333 appropriate use of websites and social media for campaign purposes; and provided further, that  
334 said regulations may provide for exemptions to the prohibition on indirect solicitation in section  
335 13 of said chapter 55. These regulations shall be made effective no later than December 31,  
336 2019.

337           SECTION 12. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the office of  
338 campaign and political finance shall promulgate regulations relative to the filing of any reports

339 required to be filed by candidates not subject to section 19 of chapter 55 of General Laws as of  
340 July 1, 2019 who, after the effective date of this act, are subject to said section 19 of said chapter  
341 55 of the General Laws; and provided further, that said regulations may provide that candidates  
342 not subject to section 19 of chapter 55 of General Laws as of July 1, 2019 who, after the  
343 effective date of this act, are subject to said section 19 of said chapter 55 of the General Laws  
344 may, after the effective date of this act, continue to file in the non-depository system.

345 SECTION 13. (a) There shall be established a special legislative commission pursuant to  
346 section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws to examine the feasibility of authorizing the use of  
347 campaign funds to pay for the provision of child care services by candidates for state, county or  
348 municipal elected office.

349 (b) The special legislative commission shall consist the house and senate chairs of the  
350 joint committee on election laws, who shall serve as chairs of the commission; the house and  
351 senate chairs of the Massachusetts caucus of women legislators; 1 member of the house who  
352 shall be appointed by the minority leader; 1 member of the senate who shall be appointed by the  
353 minority leader; the director of the office of campaign and political finance; a person appointed  
354 by the governor; and the executive director of Common Cause Massachusetts.

355 (c) The special legislative commission shall: (1) review and evaluate state and federal  
356 law, regulations and legal advisories regarding the use of campaign funds to pay for the  
357 provision of child care services by candidates for state, county or municipal elected office; (2)  
358 analyze campaign finance laws in other states regarding the use of campaign funds for child care  
359 expenses; (3) examine whether the expenditure of campaign funds for child care services would  
360 constitute a “personal use” of such funds under section 6 of chapter 55 of the General Laws; (4)

361 make recommendations on defining the term “child care expenses,” including, but not limited to,  
362 what specific expenditures and child care services should and should not fall under such  
363 definition; (5) determine whether child care expenditures occurring in the normal course of an  
364 elected official’s duties or expenditures that would exist irrespective of an individual running for  
365 elected office should be considered an authorized use of campaign funds under section 6 of  
366 chapter 55 of the General Laws; and (6) determine the capacity of the office of campaign and  
367 political finance to scrutinize potential expenditures of campaign funds for child care services to  
368 prevent unauthorized or impermissible uses of such funds.

369 (d) The special legislative commission shall submit a report together with  
370 recommendations for legislation, if any, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the  
371 senate on or before December 1, 2020.

372 SECTION 14. Section 12 is hereby repealed.

373 SECTION 15. Section 14 shall take effect on April 30, 2020.