

HOUSE No. 644

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>1/17/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 644) of David F. DeCoste and James K. Hawkins for legislation to exempt certain candidates from signing certain campaign finance affidavits. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4165 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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.