

HOUSE No. 651

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

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 limiting campaign contributions of non-natural persons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Shawn Dooley

9th Norfolk

Michael J. Soter

8th Worcester

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 651) of Shawn Dooley and Michael J. Soter relative to campaign contributions of foreign persons, corporations or entities. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 357 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act limiting campaign contributions of non-natural persons.

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 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “voters” in line 130 to 131,
3 inclusive, the following words:- ; provided, however, that the term political committee shall not
4 include a labor union.

5 SECTION 2. Section 7A of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
6 adding the following subsection:-

7 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and if not otherwise
8 limited or prohibited from making contributions under this chapter whereby the aggregate of
9 contributions does not exceed \$1,000 in a calendar year, the aggregate of all contributions by any

10 business, corporation, professional corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited
11 liability partnership, group, association, labor union, or other entity, and no officer or agent
12 acting on behalf of any entity mentioned in this section other than an individual citizen of the
13 United States, for the benefit of any one candidate and such candidate's committee, shall not
14 exceed \$1,000 in a calendar year. If not otherwise limited or prohibited from making
15 contributions under this chapter, the aggregate of all contributions by any business, corporation,
16 professional corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership,
17 group, association, labor union, or other entity, and no officer or agent acting on behalf of any
18 entity mentioned in this section other than an individual citizen of the United States, for the
19 benefit of any other political committee, other than a ballot question committee, shall not exceed
20 \$1,000 in a calendar year.