

SENATE No. 413

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis, (BY REQUEST)

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 for parity in all organizational and non-individual campaign contributions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Vincent Lawrence Dixon

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 413) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation for parity in all organizational and non-individual campaign contributions. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 392 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act for parity in all organizational and non-individual campaign contributions.

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. The Massachusetts General Laws are hereby amended by inserting the
2 following new chapter:

3 An Act for Parity in all Organizational; and Non-Individual Campaign Contributions.

4 1.) As Massachusetts has often been a leader in various legal provisions, and public
5 policies, it also, from time to time, seeks to compare, and adjust itself, as it should, in terms of
6 relevant ideas, in and/or from other jurisdictions.

7 2.) Thus, in the matters of campaign finance, there exists an anomaly, that has need of
8 being adjusted, relating to campaign contributions, and in doing so, assist the process of
9 transparency, in sources, and reporting of contributions. That is, that in most states, union

10 candidate contributions, and corporate candidate contributions, conform equally to the same
11 rules. This legislation corrects this non-parity.

12 3.) Mass General Laws Chapter 55, are hereby amended as follows: All Union Candidate
13 Contributions, and Corporate Candidate

14 contributions, shall be the same as PAC limits, and shall be fully reported under the
15 laws, and regulations, of the Commonwealth.

16 4.) The Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) shall have all appropriate legal
17 power to further define any regulations, flowing from this statute.