

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 696**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Daniel J. Hunt***

*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 reform.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

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By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 696) of Daniel J. Hunt relative to campaign finance reform. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4070 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to campaign finance reform.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 55 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 9A, as  
2 appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, the following section:-

3 Section 9A ½. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall, unless the context  
4 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

5 “Merchant account”, an electronic payment processor that enables a person to accept  
6 credit and debit card transactions online for contributions.

7 “Person”, an individual, candidate or political committee, or person acting on behalf of an  
8 individual, candidate or political committee.

9           “Third-party payment processor”, an online service in which payments for contributions  
10 to a person are made to the processor’s merchant account rather than to the person’s own  
11 merchant account.

12           (b) If a contribution to a person is made through a third-party payment processor, the  
13 third-party payment processor shall automatically transfer the contribution to the designated  
14 campaign account of the person.

15           (c) The third-party payment processor shall convey to the person information on  
16 contributions received in accordance with section 2 on a weekly basis.