

HOUSE No. 696

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>1/18/2023</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.

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

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

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.