

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 825**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Brandy Fluker-Reid***

*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 supporting caregivers running for public office.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brandy Fluker-Reid</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/8/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>9/3/2025</i>

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By Representative Fluker-Reid of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 825) of Brandy Fluker-Reid and others relative to adult-care service expenses of dependent adults for candidates while performing work or attending certain campaign events. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act supporting caregivers running for public office.

*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 so appearing, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after the definition of “Candidate’s committee” the following definition:

3 “Adult-care services,” care services provided to a candidate’s parent or other adult  
4 dependent, including, but not limited to, caregiving services by an individual, non-profit or for-  
5 profit organization that provides such services, and any other costs directly related to such  
6 services that occur as a result of campaign activities; provided, however, that expenses related to  
7 adult-care services shall not include payments to a family member, as defined in section 1 of  
8 chapter 50, of the individual receiving care, unless the family member owns, operates, or is  
9 employed by a professional caregiving service, and the cost of the service is not greater than the  
10 family member would otherwise charge.

11 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
12 inserting, after the word “office,” in line 66, the following:

13           or expenses relating to the provision of adult-care services that would not otherwise exist  
14 but for the existence of the campaign.

15           SECTION 3. The director of campaign and political finance shall promulgate regulations  
16 for the implementation of this section within 90 days of enactment.