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HOUSE . . . . . No. 195

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Randy 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 political committees..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*

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By Mr. Hunt of Sandwich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 195) of Randy Hunt relative to the formation of regional town committees in areas where organization of individual town committees are unorganized upon written request of the state committees of political parties. Election Laws.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *666* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to political committees..

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 52 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended at the end thereof by adding the following paragraphs:

Each political party shall have the option in geographic areas where organization of individual town committees are unorganized, to determine if the State Committee will allow, upon written request, the formation of a Regional Committee, to be composed of no more than five separate towns. These Regional Town Committees shall organize with the cooperation of the State Committee members as provided for elsewhere in the applicable laws and regulations and will abide by all other duties and restrictions as so described.

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11 Upon reaching a membership of 40 regular members, the Regional Committee may be
12 disbanded to form individual town committees. If one municipality should have ten (10)
13 members, it will be allowed at the next regular meeting of the State committee to withdraw from
14 the Regional Town Committee upon receipt of a written request from those members to do so.
15 The other municipalities in the Regional committee will be allowed to remain as a Regional
16 Committee, unless the remaining members are fewer than five (5).

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18 Permission for the creation of such a Regional Committee shall be granted with a two-
19 thirds vote of the members present at the State Committee meeting at which the request is made.