

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 542**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Garrett J. Bradley***

*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 contribution limits for candidate running for office in a special election.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Garrett J. Bradley</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 542) of Garrett J. Bradley, Paul McMurtry and James M. Murphy relative to campaign contribution limits for persons who previously ran for certain offices in a special election. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to contribution limits for candidate running for office in a special election.

*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 7A of chapter 55 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking clause (a)(1) in lines 1-5 and inserting the  
3 following its place:- An individual may make campaign contributions to candidates or  
4 candidate’s committees. The aggregate of all such contributions for the benefit of any one  
5 candidate and that candidate’s committee shall not exceed the sum of \$1,000 dollars in any  
6 calendar year, provided, however, that the aggregate of contributions by an individual to a  
7 candidate seeking election to the office of state senator or state representative in a state election  
8 who previously, in the same calendar year, sought election to the office of state senator or state  
9 representative in a special election, shall not exceed the sum of \$1,000 in the period beginning on  
10 the first day of January and ending on the day of the special election, and an additional \$1,000  
11 during the period that begins on the day after the special election and ends on the last day of  
12 December following the special election.