

SENATE No. 00300

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to enhance reporting requirements for candidates and committees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cynthia S. Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 300) of Creem for legislation to enhance reporting requirements for candidates and committees [Joint Committee on Election Laws].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to enhance reporting requirements for candidates and committees.

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 18 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (a) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following:-

4 (a) by each candidate for nomination or election to the state senate or house of
5 representatives, and by the non-elected political committee organized on behalf of such
6 candidate, on or before: (1) the first Wednesday of each month during the period beginning 6
7 months preceding a primary and on the first Wednesday of the month following a primary;
8 provided that a report shall not be required to be filed if, under clause (2) of this paragraph, a
9 report is required to be filed within the following 7 days; (2) the eighth day preceding a primary,
10 the eighth day preceding a biennial state election, and, as a final report, the twentieth day of
11 January in the following year complete as to the thirty-first day of December of the prior year;

12 (3) the first Wednesday of each month during the period beginning 3 months preceding a special
13 primary, including a convention or a caucus; provided that a report shall not be required to be
14 filed if, under clause (4) of this paragraph, a report is required to be filed within the following 7
15 days; (4) the eighth day preceding a special primary, including a convention or a caucus, the
16 eighth day preceding a special election, the thirtieth day following a special election, and, as a
17 final report, the twentieth day of January in the following year complete as to the thirty-first day
18 of December of the prior year.