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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**John J. Binienda**

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*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 prohibiting certain election practices.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| John J. Binienda | 17th Worcester |
| Christine E. Canavan | 10th Plymouth |
| John P. Fresolo | 16th Worcester |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 632 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act prohibiting certain election practices.

*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. Chapter 56 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 41A the following section:–

Section 41B. No political party, political committee or person, including but not limited to a candidate for elective office or a supporter thereof, shall register a web site that could be identified as the web site of another person who is an elected official, or a candidate or potential candidate for elective office. Whoever knowingly violated this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months.