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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (BY REQUEST)**

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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 Relative to candidates for Public Office.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Relative to candidates 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:*

 **SECTION 1**. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 13L the following section:-

 Section 13M. Whoever commits an assault or assault and battery on a candidate running for public office shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not less than 90 days not more than 2 ½ years or by a fine of not less than $500 not more than $5,000 or both.