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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Scott P. Brown**

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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 campaign finance during special elections.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Scott P. Brown | Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex |
| Mr. Tisei | Middlesex and Essex |
| Mr. Tarr | First Essex and Middlesex |
| Mr. Hedlund | Plymouth and Norfolk |
| Mr. Knapik | Second Hampden and Hampshire |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00441 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to campaign finance during special elections.

*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 1 of Chapter 55, as appearing in the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting the following new definition after the first definition:-

“Calendar Year”, a calendar year shall mean any year beginning on January 1st and ending December 31st. There shall be a special election exemption for campaign contributions if a special election and a general election occur within the same calendar year. Contributions may not exceed the defined limits set forth in this chapter, for each election cycle during said calendar year.