

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey Davis Perry

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 political committees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jeffrey Davis Perry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Barnstable

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 683 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO POLITICAL 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 2 of Chapter 52 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended at the end thereof by adding the following
3 paragraphs:

4 1.

5 Each political party shall have the option in geographic areas where organization of
6 individual town committees are unorganized, to determine if the State Committee will allow,
7 upon written request, the formation of a Regional Committee, to be composed of no more
8 than five separate towns. These Regional Town Committees shall organize with the
9 cooperation of the State Committee members as provided for elsewhere in the applicable
10 laws and regulations and will abide by all other duties and restrictions as so described.

11 3.

12 Upon reaching a membership of 40 regular members, the Regional Committee may be
13 disbanded to form individual town committees. If one municipality should have ten (10)

14 members, it will be allowed at the next regular meeting of the State committee to withdraw
15 from the Regional Town Committee upon receipt of a written request from those members to
16 do so. The other municipalities in the Regional committee will be allowed to remain as a
17 Regional Committee, unless the remaining members are fewer than five (5).

18 4.

19 Permission for the creation of such a Regional Committee shall be granted with a two-
20 thirds vote of the members present at the State Committee meeting at which the request is
21 made.