

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Scott P. Brown

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.

PETITION OF:

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

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 55, as appearing in the General Laws, is hereby
2 amended by inserting the following new definition after the first definition:-
3 “Calendar Year”, a calendar year shall mean any year beginning on January 1st and ending
4 December 31st. There shall be a special election exemption for campaign contributions if a
5 special election and a general election occur within the same calendar year. Contributions may
6 not exceed the defined limits set forth in this chapter, for each election cycle during said calendar
7 year.