

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tolman, Steven (SEN)

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 labor relations and representational elections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tolman, Steven (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02585 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LABOR RELATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONAL 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 4 of chapter 150A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (7) To expend or cause the expenditure of public funds to any external agent, individual, firm,
4 agency, partnership or association in any attempt to influence the outcome of representational
5 elections held pursuant to this chapter provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed
6 to limit the employer's right to internally communicate with its employees as provided in
7 subsection (2) of this section; to be represented on any matter pertaining to unit determinations,
8 unfair labor practice charge's or pre-election conferences in any formal or informal proceeding
9 before the Labor Relations Board or to seek or obtain advice from legal counsel.

10 **SECTION 2.** Subsection (a) of section 10 of chapter 150EA of the General Laws, as appearing
11 in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

12 (7) Expend or cause the expenditure of public funds to any external agent, individual, firm,
13 agency, partnership or association in any attempt to influence the outcome of representational
14 elections held pursuant to this chapter provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed
15 to limit the employer's right to internally communicate with its employees as otherwise
16 permitted by this section; to be represented on any matter pertaining to unit determinations,
17 unfair labor practice charges or pre-election conferences in any formal or informal proceeding
18 before the Labor Relations Board or to seek or obtain advice of legal counsel.