

HOUSE No. 693

By Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth, petition of John F. Quinn and Stephen R. Canessa for legislation to require certain mayoral candidates to file as a depository with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN MAYORAL CANDIDATES TO FILE AS A DEPOSITORY WITH THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 55 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out subsection (a) of Section 19 and inserting in
3 place thereof the following section:—

4 Section 19. (a) Candidates for nomination or election to the
5 offices of governor, lieutenant governors, secretary of state, attorney
6 general, state treasurer and receiver general, auditor, governor’s
7 council, district attorney, clerk of court, register of probate, registrar
8 of deeds, county commissioner, county treasure, sheriff, or other
9 citywide office, except for the office of school committee, in a city
10 with a total population of one hundred thousand or more persons,
11 and mayor in a city with a total population of fifty-thousand or more
12 persons, as determined by the most recent decennial federal census,
13 and the treasurer of the non-elected political committee authorized
14 by any of the aforesaid candidates shall forthwith, upon the organi-
15 zation of said political committee, or upon becoming a candidate in
16 accordance with the provision of clauses (1) and (2) of the definition
17 of candidate in section one, designate a financial institution as a
18 depository for the campaign funds of such candidate or political
19 committee. The financial institution so designated shall be a national
20 bank, federal savings bank, federal savings and loan association or
21 federal credit union, if such bank, association or credit union is
22 authorized to transact business and has its main office or a branch
23 office in the Commonwealth; or a trust company, credit union, co-
24 operative bank or savings bank, if such company, credit union or

25 bank is organized and exists under the laws of the Commonwealth or
26 any other state of the United States or is otherwise authorized to
27 transact business in the commonwealth and has its main office or a
28 branch office in the commonwealth. Each such candidate, and the
29 treasurer of each such political committee shall file with the director,
30 no later than the third business day following the designation of such
31 depository, a certificate of appointment containing the name of the
32 financial institution so designated, and the name of the candidate or
33 political committee, and shall authorize the financial institution so
34 designated to submit the reports required by subsection (e).