

PassMass Amendment

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) (2017) Out-of-Statate Donations

Why is this ballot initiative (and its corresponding statehouse bill H.3484) important?

PassMassAmendment's goal is to end the corrupting influence of corporations and big money on the political process. With this petition we aim to address the issue by limiting political contributions from out-of-state donations to Massachusetts elections and ballot questions.

Here's a recent example of why we're concerned: Vast sums were spent on 2016's ballot question #2. Whether you were for or against charter schools, it is appalling that so much of the money spent to influence our political process and lawmaking came from outside of Massachusetts.

This bill would limit the amount of funds that out-of-state donors can contribute to Massachusetts elections and ballot questions.

How can I help?

PassMassAmendment is a totally grassroots, all-volunteer organization that runs on people power. We really need *your* help to gather signatures, and to spread the word about what we are trying to do. We also need people to act as regional coordinators of this effort.

Each signature you gather will put added pressure on the legislature to act! We only have until November 22nd, the date by which petition forms need to be submitted to local elections officials for certification. If you can not turn in the petition forms to these officials, please mail them to us by November 15th. (See the Circulator Information box on the petition forms themselves for where to send them.)

While you're at it, contact your state legislators to support the bill that corresponds to our ballot initiative, [H.3484](#), and ask friends and family to do the same. Check out [our other bills](#) as well!

Why petition, if you have Legislative Bills in the Statehouse? Our experience shows that success will depend on building a network of petitioners. What's more, our legislative sponsors (see the list at the website) tell us that the increased number of signatures helps get our bills to the floor.

Where can people find petitions? Please see the page on our website with this information.

Can people download a petition form to help petition, sign themselves, and/or get a few of their friends to sign? Absolutely! Please see www.PassMassAmendment.org.

How to help:

- Sign up for our email list. Action Alerts will follow.
- Contact your legislators. Ask them to endorse PassMassAmendment.
- Volunteer your time. PassMassAmendment@gmail.com, 978 808 7173. This is a true grassroots effort.
- Donate. We run on a bare bones budget. No one gets paid, but we need money for printing and office supplies.