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By Mr. Campbell of Wakefield, petition of Gardner E. Campbell for a legislative amendment to the Constitution providing for the disqualification of public officers, librarians or teachers who refuse to sign waivers of immunity when called to testify concerning their conduct in office or their connection with subversive organizations. Constitutional Law.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

### PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO WAIVER OF IMMUNITY BY CERTAIN PERSONS.

1    A majority of all the members elected to the Senate  
2 and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby  
3 declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by  
4 the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to  
5 the end that it may become a part of the Constitution  
6 [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next  
7 General Court and approved by the people at the state  
8 election next following]:--

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#### ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

10    ARTICLE . . . Article XII of Part One of the Con-  
11 stitution is hereby amended by inserting after the word  
12 "himself" in line 4 (as appearing in the Manual) the  
13 following:—, providing, any public officer of the com-  
14 monwealth or any political subdivision thereof, or any  
15 librarian in any public or private institution, professor  
16 or teacher in any public or private school, college or  
17 university in the commonwealth or any political sub-  
18 division thereof, who, upon being called before a grand  
19 jury, or any public or private hearing before any con-  
20 gressional committee, legislative committee, library com-

21 mittee, or any other constituted public authority or  
22 board, to testify concerning the conduct of his office or  
23 the performance of his official duties or his connection  
24 or association with any subversive organization or asso-  
25 ciation, refuses to sign a waiver of immunity against  
26 subsequent criminal prosecution, or to answer any rele-  
27 vant questions concerning such matters before such grand  
28 jury, congressional committee, legislative committee,  
29 library committee, or other public authority or board,  
30 shall by virtue of such refusal, be disqualified from hold-  
31 ing any public office or public employment for a period  
32 of five years and shall be removed from office by the  
33 appropriate authority or shall forfeit his office or position  
34 upon appropriate action by the attorney-general.