
By Ms. Buckley (by request), a petition (accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 451) of Timothy J. Shea for the adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation amending the Constitution to provide for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States. Federal Financial Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-one.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT LEGISLATION AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIRECT POPULAR ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas, the Electoral College system of electing the President and the Vice President has become outdated and obsolete; and

Whereas, there is constantly a risk of a "constitutional crisis" if a popular vote loser obtains an electoral vote majority; and

Whereas, this system does not properly reflect the traditional "one man, one vote" doctrine; and

Whereas, there is constantly a risk of the 'faithless elector' who may not properly register the vote of the people, therefore be it

Resolved, that the General Court of Massachusetts respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to enact such legislation to amend the constitution providing for the direct election of the President and the Vice President of the United States, and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolve be sent forthwith by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the President of the United States, the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to the members thereof from this commonwealth.

