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By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, petition of Michael J. Neville and John J. Toomey for a legislative amendment to the Constitution empowering the General Court to disqualify certain persons participating in subversive activities from electing officers or to be elected for public employment. Constitutional Law.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION EMPOWERING THE GENERAL COURT TO DISQUALIFY CERTAIN PERSONS FROM ELECTING OFFICERS, OR TO BE ELECTED FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENTS.

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

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### ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

10 Full power and authority are hereby given and  
11 granted to the general court to provide by law that  
12 persons promoting, furthering or participating in any  
13 movements which are subversive to our American  
14 form of government or advocating theories or doc-

15 trines contrary to and inconsistent with the con-  
 16 stitution of this commonwealth and of the United  
 17 States, or either of them, shall be permanently or  
 18 temporarily disqualified to elect officers, or to be  
 19 elected, for public employments. All of the pro-  
 20 visions of the existing constitution inconsistent with  
 21 the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled.