

By Mr. Wojtkowski of Pittsfield, petition of the American Veterans Committee of Massachusetts, Inc., for a legislative amendment to the Constitution providing that certain constitutional officers, the State Secretary and the Treasurer and Receiver-General be appointed by the Governor. Constitutional Law.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, THE SECRETARY AND THE TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL, BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 Article LXIV of the Amendments to the Constitution is hereby  
10 amended by striking out section 1 and adopting the following  
11 sections in place thereof:—

12 *Section 1.* The governor, lieutenant-governor, councillors,  
13 secretary, treasurer and receiver-general, attorney-general, audi-  
14 tor, senators and representatives shall be elected biennially.  
15 The terms of the governor, lieutenant-governor and councillors  
16 shall begin at noon on the Thursday next following the first  
17 Wednesday in January succeeding their election and shall end  
18 at noon on the Thursday next following the first Wednesday in  
19 January in the third year following their election. If the gover-  
20 nor elect shall have died before the qualification of the lieutenant-  
21 governor elect, the lieutenant-governor elect upon qualification

22 shall become governor. If both the governor elect and the lieu-  
 23 tenant-governor elect shall have died both said offices shall be  
 24 deemed to be vacant and the provisions of Article LV of the  
 25 Amendments to the Constitution shall apply. The terms of  
 26 senators and representatives shall begin with the first Wednes-  
 27 day in January succeeding their election and shall extend to the  
 28 first Wednesday in January in the third year following their elec-  
 29 tion and until their successors are chosen and qualified. The  
 30 term[s] of the [secretary, treasurer and receiver-general] attorney-  
 31 general and auditor shall begin with the third Wednesday in  
 32 January succeeding [their] his election and shall extend to the  
 33 third Wednesday in January in the third year following [their]  
 34 his election and until [their successors are] his successor is chosen  
 35 and qualified.

36 *Section 2.* The secretary and treasurer and receiver-general  
 37 shall be appointed by the governor and each of them shall serve  
 38 a term of office concurrent with that of the governor.