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By Mr. Dolan of Ipswich, petition of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the enactment of laws affecting municipal expenditures and taxation. Constitutional Law.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
RELATIVE TO THE ENACTMENT OF LAWS AFFECTING MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES AND TAXATION.

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

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 No general or special law enacted after the effective date of  
10 this amendment granting exemptions from local taxation, regu-  
11 lating the terms or conditions of municipal employment, increas-  
12 ing the benefits payable to any class of persons, or otherwise  
13 requiring increased expenditures for any municipal purpose, shall  
14 be effective in any city or town until such law is accepted, by  
15 vote or by specific appropriation of money for such purpose, in  
16 the case of a city, by the city council in accordance with its  
17 charter, and in the case of a town, by a town meeting, unless  
18 such law has been enacted by the general court by a two-thirds  
19 vote of each of its branches, or unless the general court, at the  
20 same session in which such law was enacted, has provided for the  
21 assumption by the commonwealth of any such expenditure or of  
22 of any loss of taxes resulting from such exemption.

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