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By Mr. Sears of Boston, petition of John W. Sears for a legislative amendment to the Constitution making it unlawful for the General Court to create abatements or exemptions from municipal real property taxes unless it provides full compensation. Constitutional Law.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR THE GENERAL COURT TO CREATE  
ABATEMENTS OR EXEMPTIONS FROM MUNICIPAL REAL PROPERTY  
TAXES UNLESS IT PROVIDES FULL COMPENSATION.

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

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 The General Court shall not create any abatement or exemp-  
10 tion from taxes imposed on real property by the cities and  
11 towns, unless it shall at the same time provide funds to com-  
12 pensate the cities and towns annually for receipts lost because  
13 of the abatement or exemption.

