

By Mr. Vigneault of Springfield, petition of Dave N. Vigneault for a legislative amendment to the Constitution granting to the General Court the power and authority to impose and levy a graduated tax on incomes. Constitutional Law.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION GRANTING TO THE GENERAL COURT THE POWER AND AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE AND LEVY A GRADUATED TAX ON INCOMES.

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 ART. . Full power and authority are hereby given and  
10 granted to the general court, in the alternative to the excise  
11 of the power and authority to impose and levy a tax on incomes  
12 in the manner provided in Article LXIV of the Amendments to  
13 the Constitution of the Commonwealth, to impose and levy a  
14 tax on incomes at rates which are proportioned or graduated ac-  
15 cording to the total amount of income received, irrespective of  
16 the source from which it may be derived, and to grant reasonable  
17 exemptions, deductions and abatements. Any property the in-  
18 come from which is taxed under the provisions of this article  
19 may be exempted from the imposition and levying of propor-  
20 tional and reasonable assessments, rates and taxes as at present  
21 authorized by the constitution. This article shall not be con-  
22 strued to limit the power of the general court to impose and levy  
23 reasonable duties and excises.

of the Department of the Interior, and it is the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to see that the provisions of the Act are carried out to the letter and to the spirit.

### The Commission on the Administration of the Interior Department

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