

By Mr. Lapointe of Chicopee, petition of Paul Guzzi (Secretary of the Commonwealth), Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., Francis C. Lapointe and Robert A. Cerasoli for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to submitting certain information to voters. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
RELATIVE TO SUBMITTING CERTAIN INFORMATION TO VOTERS.

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

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 Article XLVIII of the amendments to the Constitution of the
10 Commonwealth is hereby amended by striking out, under the
11 heading "General Provisions", all of subheading "IV. Informa-
12 tion for Voters.", and inserting in place thereof the following:

13 IV. Information for Voters.

14 The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause to be printed
15 and sent to each person eligible to vote in the Commonwealth or
16 to each residence of one or more persons eligible to vote in the
17 Commonwealth the full text of every measure to be submitted to
18 the people, together with a copy or a summary of the legislative
19 committee's majority and minority reports, if there be such, with
20 the names of the majority and minority members thereon, a
21 statement of the votes of the general court on the measure, and a

22 fair, concise summary of the measure as such summary will
 23 appear on the ballot; and shall, in such manner as may be
 24 provided by law, cause to be prepared and sent other information
 25 and arguments for and against the measure.