

By Mr. Scelsi of Pittsfield, petition of Joseph S. Scelsi for a legislative amendment to the Constitution providing that a petition relating to a city may be presented to the General Court by the city council without the approval of the mayor. Local Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT A PETITION RELATING TO A CITY MAY BE PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL COURT BY THE CITY COUNCIL WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

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

9 Article 89, Section 8 of Article II of the Amendments to the  
10 Constitution is hereby amended by striking out clause (1) and  
11 inserting in place thereof the following clause: (1) on petition filed  
12 or approved by the voters of a city or town, or the City Council and  
13 the Mayor if he approves; or if the Mayor disapproves he shall  
14 return the petition with written objections to the City Council  
15 which shall enter such objections at large on its records and again  
16 consider such and if two thirds of the members present and voting  
17 pass it, it shall be in force; or other legislative body, of a city, or the  
18 town meeting of a town, with respect to a law relating to that city or  
19 town.

