
By Mr. Hall, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate No. 772) of Robert A. Hall, John F. Parker, John H. Fitzpatrick, John F. Aylmer, William L. Saltonstall and David H. Locke for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to imposing additional expenditures upon two or more cities or towns. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
RELATIVE TO IMPOSING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES UPON TWO OR
MORE CITIES OR TOWNS.

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

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT

No law imposing additional costs upon two or more cities or towns by the regulation of the compensation, hours, status, conditions or benefits of municipal employment shall be effective in any city or town until such law is accepted by vote or by the appropriation of money for such purposes, in the case of a city, by the city council in accordance with its charter, and in the case of a town, by a town meeting, unless such law has been enacted by the General Court by a two-thirds vote of each of its branches, or unless the General Court, at the same session in which such law is enacted, has provided for the assumption by the Commonwealth of such additional cost. No law granting or increasing exemptions from local taxation, increasing the pension or retirement benefits of municipal employees or increasing the benefits payable to any class of persons shall be effective in any city or town, unless such law has been enacted by the General Court by a two-thirds vote of each of its branches, or unless the General Court, at the same session in which such law was enacted, had provided for the assumption by the Commonwealth of any such increased expenditures or of any loss of taxes resulting from such exemption.

By Mr. Hall, a motion was made for the report of the committee on the petition of John M. ...

The Constitution of the State

In the Year One Thousand ...

It is the duty of the Legislature to provide for the ...

A majority of all the members elected to the ...

The proposed ...