

By Mr. Natsios of Holliston, petition of Andrew S. Natsios for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the length of a regular session of the General Court. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
RELATIVE TO THE LENGTH OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL
COURT.

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

8 **ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.**

9 The general court shall assemble in regular session on the first
10 Wednesday of January of each year and such session shall be
11 terminated on the day preceding the first Wednesday in July of
12 each year unless it be sooner prorogued or adjourned. Matters of
13 which action have not been completed by the general court prior to
14 the termination of such regular session shall be deemed rejected,
15 except that a proposal for an amendment to the constitution
16 introduced by initiative petition upon which action has not been
17 completed shall, in the second year of a general court, be deemed to
18 have received the favorable vote required under SECTION 4, of
19 part IV of Article XLVIII, the Initiative, of the Articles of
20 Amendment. Nothing contained in this Article shall prevent the
21 general court from assembling for a special session at such other
22 times as they shall judge necessary or when called together by the
23 governor. All of the provisions of the existing constitution incon-
24 sistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby wholly
25 annulled.

