

SENATE No. 934

By Mr. LoPresti, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 934) of Michael LoPresti, Jr., for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to abolishing the election of clerks of court and registers of probate. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION ABOLISHING THE ELECTION OF CLERKS OF COURT AND REGISTERS OF PROBATE.

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
5 a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session
6 of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state
7 election next following]:

8 **ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.**

9 ART. Article XIX of the Amendments to the Constitution is
10 annulled and following is adopted in its place: —

11 Article XIX. The legislature shall prescribe, by General Law,
12 for the election of sheriffs by the people of the several counties,
13 and that district attorneys shall be chosen by the people of the
14 several districts, for such term of office as the legislature shall
15 prescribe.

It is the policy of the Senate to support the efforts of the Executive branch of the Government to carry out its constitutional and statutory duties.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I, Section 1

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

1. A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, shall determine if it be expedient to alter the Constitution by the addition of the following Article of Amendment to the Constitution, to wit: That a new system of government be established in the State of New York, to be known as the State of New York, and approved by the people of the State.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT

1. That Article XIX of the Amendments to the Constitution be amended and following is added in its place: Article XIX. The Executive shall possess the power to call the session of the Senate by the people of the State, and that district courts shall be chosen by the people of the State, and such term of office as the Legislature shall prescribe.