

By Mr. Hodgkins of Lee, petition of Christopher J. Hodgkins, Mary Jeanette Murray, Daniel J. Ranieri and Patrick F. Landers III for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relating to certain home rule petitions approved by cities and towns. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

**PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
RELATING TO CERTAIN HOME RULE PETITIONS APPROVED BY CITIES AND
TOWNS.**

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 Section 8 of Article II of the Amendments to the Constitution
10 of the Commonwealth, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said
11 Amendments, is hereby amended by adding after the first
12 paragraph the following paragraph: —

13 Section 1. A petition enacted by the general court in
14 compliance with clause (1) or clause (2) of this section for an
15 individual city or town, relating in any way to the composition,
16 mode of election or appointment or terms of office of the
17 legislative body, the mayor or city manager, or the board of
18 selectmen or town manager or any other elected office establish
19 by law or charter, shall not take effect until approved by a majority
20 of the voters of the city or town voting thereon, at the next regular
21 or special city election or at the next annual or special town
22 meeting for the election of town officers, held not earlier than two
23 months after the passage of said special law.

