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By Mr. Menton of Watertown, petition of the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to enactment of laws affecting particular cities and towns. Constitutional Law.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE ENACTMENT OF LAWS AFFECTING PARTICULAR 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 follow-  
4 ing Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part  
5 of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of  
6 the next General Court and approved by the people at the state  
7 election next following]:

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 The general court shall not enact a local law affecting in any  
10 manner the powers, rights, duties, property or affairs of a parti-  
11 cular city or town or of any officer or agent thereof, or the form  
12 of government of a particular city or town except upon petition  
13 and, in the case of a city, the city council in accordance with its  
14 charter, and in the case of a town, the approval of the voters of  
15 the town at a town meeting; provided the governor may request  
16 and the general court may by a two-thirds vote of both branches  
17 thereof, enact such law when, in the opinion of the governor,  
18 such enactment is immediately necessary to protect the interest  
19 of the commonwealth or the safety or convenience of the in-  
20 habitants of a city or town.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE CROWN

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above matter.

It is to be regretted that the Commission is unable to supply you with the information requested, as the same is not available at the present time.

Very respectfully,  
The Commissioners of the Land Office