

By Mr. Doherty of Boston, petition of Gerard F. Doherty for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the enactment of laws affecting municipal expenditures and taxation. Constitutional Law.

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 MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES AND TAXATION.

1 A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and
2 House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it
3 to be 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 ses-
6 sion of the next General Court and approved by the people at
7 the state election next following]:

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 *Article* . No general or special law enacted after the
10 effective date of this amendment granting exemptions from local
11 taxation, regulating the terms or conditions of municipal em-
12 ployment, increasing the benefits payable to any class of per-
13 son, or otherwise requiring increased expenditures for any mu-
14 nicipal purpose, shall be effective in any city or town until such
15 law is accepted, by vote or by specific appropriation of money
16 for such purpose, in the case of a city, by the city council in ac-
17 cordance with its charter, and in the case of a town, by a town
18 meeting, unless such law has been enacted by the general court
19 by a two-thirds vote of each of its branches, or unless the gen-
20 eral court, at the same session in which such law was enacted,
21 has provided for the assumption by the commonwealth of any
22 such expenditure or of any loss of taxes resulting from such
23 exemption.

