

HOUSE No. 2154

By Mr. Rider of Needham, petition of Daniel H. Rider for a legislative amendment to the Constitution limiting annual sessions of the General Court to a period of eight months. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION LIMITING ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL COURT TO A PERIOD OF EIGHT MONTHS.

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
6 session of the next General Court and approved by the people
7 at the state election next following]:

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 The general court shall assemble in regular session on the
10 first Wednesday of January of each year. The governor shall
11 prorogue the general court on the thirty-first day of August in
12 each year in which it was not prorogued earlier.

13 All the provisions of the existing constitution inconsistent
14 with the provisions herein contained are hereby wholly an-
15 nulled.

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.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

3. No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, seven Years shall have elapsed since the Entry into the World of the State which he shall represent, and when he shall be elected he shall have seven Years Residence within that State: but no Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, be seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be, when he was born, or when he came into the World, a Citizen of one of the States which at that Time were included in the Union.

ARTICLE II. SECTION 1.

The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office for a Term of Years, which shall be limited from Time to Time by the Legislature.

All the Powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to the States by the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the People.