
By Mr. Vigneault of Springfield, petition of Dave N. Vigneault 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
4 the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may
5 become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a
6 joint session of the next General Court and approved by the
7 people 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 and shall be
11 dissolved on the next day preceding the first Wednesday of
12 September of each year, without any proclamation or other
13 act of the governor, but nothing contained herein shall
14 prevent the general court from assembling at such other
15 times as they shall judge necessary, or when called together
16 by the governor.

17 All the provisions of the existing constitution inconsistent
18 with the provisions herein contained are hereby wholly
19 annulled.

