
By Mr. Sacco of Medford, petition of George L. Sacco, Jr., for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide that each Representative District shall be entitled to elect a maximum of one Representative. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT EACH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ELECT A MAXIMUM OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE.

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 ART. . . Article XXI of the Articles of Amendment to the
10 Constitution of the Commonwealth, as amended by Article
11 LXXI of the Articles of Amendment, is hereby further
12 amended by striking out the second sentence of the last
13 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following sen-
14 tence:—The county commissioners or other body acting as
15 such or, in lieu thereof, such board of special commissioners
16 in each county as may for that purpose be provided by law,
17 shall, within thirty days after such certification by the
18 secretary of the commonwealth or within such other period as
19 the general court may by law provide, assemble at a shire
20 town of their respective counties, and proceed, as soon as may
21 be, to divide the same into representative districts of contig-
22 uous territory and assign representatives thereto, so that each
23 representative in such county will represent an equal number

24 of the population, as nearly as may be; and such districts
25 shall be so formed that no town containing less than twelve
26 thousand inhabitants according to said census, no precinct of
27 any other town and no ward of a city shall be divided
28 therefor, nor shall any district be made which shall be
29 entitled to elect more than one representative.