

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, April 5, 1971.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments of the Constitution, I am returning, herewith, House Bill No. 4998 entitled, "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROCKTON TO PAY A CERTAIN UNPAID BILL."

This bill provides that the city of Brockton may pay a bill for services rendered in 1966 to the city. However, Chapter 40, section 4B requires that contracts in excess of \$2000 shall not be awarded unless competitive bidding procedures are followed. I am informed that the contract which is the basis of the obligation which would be paid through this legislation was made without complying with the competitive bidding laws. The bill is therefore inadequate in its present form to permit payment by the city of the bill.

I therefore recommend the bill be amended as follows:—

By adding at the end of the first sentence of Section 1 the following words: — , notwithstanding the failure of the trustees of the Melrose cemetery of the city of Brockton to comply with the competitive bidding provisions of any general or special law or municipal ordinance of the city of Brockton.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. SARGENT,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE No. 227

THE CONSTITUTION

Article I, Section 1, Clause 1

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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.

Section 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have the Qualifications requisite for Senators of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section 4. The Times, Places and Manner of holding the Elections of Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law alter or add to the Rules and Regulations of the foregoing Elections.

Section 5. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall begin at Noon on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by Law provide otherwise.

Section 6. The Senators and Representatives shall receive Compensation for their Services, as well as Allowances for Expenses actually incurred by them in Discharge of their Duties, which shall be paid from the Treasury of the United States; but they shall, in any Case, hold their Offices without Salary.

Section 7. No Senator or Representative shall be a Member of either House during the Term for which he was elected; and no Person shall be Representative of the United States who shall not, when elected, have seven Years Residence in the United States; and no Person shall be Representative of the United States who shall not, when elected, have been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, or who shall not, when elected, have been born in the United States.

Section 8. The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes; to borrow Money on the Credit of the United States; to define and punish the Offences against the Law of Nations; to define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations; to coin Money, to regulate the Value thereof, and the foreign Silver and Gold.