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SENATE No. 1042

By Mr. Parker, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 1042) of John F. Parker, David H. Locke and John F. Aylmer for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to place a time limit on the number of months the General Court may remain in session. Rules (Joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight.

**PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
PLACING A TIME LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF MONTHS THE GENERAL
COURT MAY REMAIN IN SESSION.**

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

The General Court shall assemble in regular session on the first Wednesday of January of each year and shall be dissolved not later than the Friday next preceding the first Monday in August of each year, without any proclamation or other act of the governor, but nothing contained herein shall prevent the general court from assembling at such other times as they shall judge necessary, or when called together by the governor.

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

