

# SENATE . . . . . No. 162

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By Mr. Hall, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate No. 162) of John J. Buckley and Robert A. Hall for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to abolishing county government. Counties.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO ABOLISHING COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

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.

Art. That level of government known as county government is hereby abolished. Such of its functions as involve roads, highways and courts, and as involve other functions as the General Court may determine, shall be transferred to the Commonwealth. Such other lesser functions, including but not limited to the keeping of records exclusively involving individual cities and towns, as the General Court may determine, shall be transferred to the cities and towns. Persons in the employ of the county at the time of said abolition and for a period of six months previous, shall be re-assigned to the Commonwealth, as and if the General Court so directs, or to the cities and towns as the cities and towns may direct.

