

At the request of Mr. Parker, the Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to imposing additional expenditures upon two or more cities or towns (see Senate, No. 950 of 1979) (agreed to in joint session of the two houses of the preceding General Court) (see Senate, No. 811 of 1977) was taken from the files of the preceding General Court. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
RELATIVE TO IMPOSING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES UPON TWO OR
MORE CITIES OR TOWNS.

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.

No law imposing additional costs upon two or more cities or towns by the regulation of the compensation, hours, status, conditions or benefits of municipal employment shall be effective in any city or town until such law is accepted by vote or by the appropriation of money for such purposes, in the case of a city, by the city council in accordance with its charter, and in the case of a town, by a town meeting or town council, unless such law has been enacted by a two-thirds vote of each house of the general court present and voting thereon, or unless the general court, at the same session in which such law is enacted, has provided for the assumption by the commonwealth of such additional cost.

