

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of Michael J. Connolly, John A. Businger, Michael J. McGlynn, Sherman W. Saltmarsh, Jr., and another for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to establishing the federal census as the basis for determining Representative, Senatorial and Councillor districts. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
ESTABLISHING THE FEDERAL CENSUS AS THE BASIS FOR DETERMINING
REPRESENTATIVE, SENATORIAL AND COUNCILLOR DISTRICTS.

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

8 **ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.**

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Article CI of the Articles of
2 Amendment to the Constitution is hereby amended by striking
3 out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
4 paragraph: —

5 The federal decennial census shall be the basis for determining
6 the representative districts for the ten year period beginning with
7 the first Wednesday in the fifth January following the taking of
8 said census.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said Article of said Articles of
2 Amendment is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence

3 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Each such
4 federal decennial census shall likewise be the basis for determining
5 the senatorial districts and also the councillor districts for the ten
6 year period beginning with the first Wednesday in the fifth
7 January following the taking of such census.