

By Mr. Karol of Attleboro, petition of Stephen J. Karol for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to limiting the annual sessions of the General Court to a period of eight months. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO  
LIMIT ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL COURT TO A PERIOD OF EIGHT  
MONTHS.

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.**

9 **ARTICLE** . Article LXIV of the Amendments to the  
10 Constitution, as amended by Article LXXII, is hereby amended  
11 by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the  
12 following section: —

13 Section 2. The general court shall assemble every year on the  
14 First Wednesday in January and shall be dissolved not later than  
15 the thirty-first day of August of each year, without any  
16 proclamation or other act of the governor, but nothing contained  
17 herein shall prevent the general court from assembling at such  
18 other times as it shall judge necessary, or when called together  
19 by the governor.

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