

HOUSE No. 4421

By Mr. Pierce of Westfield, petition of Steven D. Pierce and other members of the House for a legislative amendment to the Constitution limiting sessions of the General Court to six months. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE SESSION OF THE GENERAL COURT TO SIX 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** . The general court shall assemble in regular
10 session on the first Wednesday of January of each year and shall
11 be dissolved not later than the Friday next preceding the first
12 Monday in July of each year, without any proclamation or other
13 act of the governor, but nothing contained herein shall prevent
14 the general court from assembling such other times as they shall
15 judge necessary, or when called together by the governor.

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

