

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams (by request), petition of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc., for legislation to establish six month sessions for the General Court. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT ON LIMITING THE LENGTH OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The general court shall assemble in regular
2 session on the first Wednesday of January of each year and such
3 session shall terminate on the day preceding the first Wednesday
4 of July of each year unless it be sooner prorogued or adjourned;
5 but nothing contained herein shall prevent the general court from
6 assembling for a special session at such other times as they shall
7 judge necessary on petition by a majority of the members of each
8 house or when called together by the governor. Upon the
9 termination of a regular session all matters on which legislative
10 action has not been completed shall be considered rejected; except
11 that if action on an initiative amendment shall not have been
12 completed before the termination of the second regular session
13 of a general court, such amendment shall be subject to the
14 provisions of sections four and five of Part IV, Legislative Action
15 on Proposed Amendments, of Article XLVIII of the Amendments
16 to the Constitution in the same manner as if such amendment had
17 received the affirmative votes of not less than one-fourth of all
18 the members elected.

