

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to reducing the residency requirements for Senators and Councillors from five years to one year. Election Laws.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
REDUCING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR SENATORS AND  
COUNCILLORS FROM FIVE YEARS TO ONE YEAR.

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 ART. . . Section 1. Article XVI of the Amendments to the  
10 Constitution is hereby amended by striking out the fourth  
11 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —  
12 No person shall be eligible to the office of councillor who has not  
13 been an inhabitant of the commonwealth for the term of one year  
14 immediately preceding election.

15 Section 2. Section 2 of Article XCII of the Amendments to  
16 the Constitution is hereby amended by striking out the fifth  
17 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
18 sentence: — Each district shall elect one senator, who shall have  
19 been an inhabitant of this commonwealth one year at least  
20 immediately preceding his election, and at the time of his election  
21 shall be an inhabitant of the district for which he is chosen; and  
22 he shall cease to represent such senatorial district when he shall  
23 cease to be an inhabitant to the commonwealth.

