

HOUSE No. 4904

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE A MAINSTREAM AGENDA TO INSURE THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF CRIME IN MASSACHUSETTS.

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 The victim of crime or his or her representative shall have the
10 right to be informed of, to be present at, and to be heard at all
11 criminal justice proceedings at which the defendant has such
12 rights, subject to the same rules of evidence which govern the
13 defendant's rights.