

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4717

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By Mr. Reinstein of Revere, petition of William G. Reinstein relative to the filling of vacancies in elective bodies and positions in cities and towns. Local Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN ELECTIVE BODIES AND POSITIONS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

*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. Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 10 the following section: —  
3 *Section 11.* When a vacancy occurs in an elective body it  
4 shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the  
5 person who received the next highest number of votes in the  
6 election in which the incumbent was elected. If such vacancy  
7 occurs for which no regularly nominated candidate remains it  
8 shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the  
9 remaining members. If a vacancy occurs in the position of a  
10 single elected office it shall be similarly filled except that  
11 where there is no regularly nominated candidate who can  
12 assume the office, it shall be filled by a majority vote of the  
13 city council or board of selectmen.

1 SECTION 2. Section eleven of said chapter, forty-one is  
2 hereby repealed.

By the Honorable Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives, in order to amend the Constitution of the United States, so that the President may be impeached and removed from office for high crimes and misdemeanors, the following amendments are proposed:

**The Constitution of the United States**

Article II, Section 4, Clause 1

That the President, Vice President, and all civil Officers and Ministers of the United States shall be impeachable and removable from office for high crimes and misdemeanors.

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SECTION 1. Clause 1 of the original Constitution is amended to read as follows: "The President, Vice President, and all civil Officers and Ministers of the United States shall be impeachable and removable from office for high crimes and misdemeanors."

SECTION 2. Section 4 of the original Constitution is amended to read as follows: "The President, Vice President, and all civil Officers and Ministers of the United States shall be impeachable and removable from office for high crimes and misdemeanors."