

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to eliminating certain residency requirements as a qualification to vote. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION ABOLISHING DURATIONAL RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING.

1 A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of
2 Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient
3 to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of
4 Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitu-
5 tion [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General
6 Court and approved by the people at the state election next follow-
7 ing]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 **ART.** . Article III of the Amendments to the Constitution is
10 annulled and the following is adopted in its place: —

11 Article III. Every citizen of eighteen years of age and upwards,
12 excepting persons under guardianship and persons temporarily or
13 permanently disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in
14 respect to elections, who resides within the city or town in which he
15 claims a right to vote shall have a right to vote in any election of
16 governor, lieutenant governor, senators or representatives; and no
17 other person shall be entitled to vote in such election.

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