

HOUSE No. 4806

By Mr. Tolman of Watertown (by request), petition of Walter J. Ziobro, Jr., for a legislative amendment to the Constitution requiring that all fee increases be submitted to the voters. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
REQUIRING ALL FEE INCREASES BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS.**

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]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

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9 No law or regulation establishing or increasing any fee charged
10 by any department, board, or authority created by the
11 Commonwealth shall take effect unless such law or regulation
12 shall have been approved by a majority of the voters in either a
13 general or special election, provided that at least 30% of the
14 registered voters cast ballots in any such election. Authorities or
15 departments with specific geographic boundaries shall be required
16 to submit such changes only to the voters within their geographic
17 boundaries.

