

HOUSE No. 245

By Mr. Piemonte of Boston, petition of Gabriel Francis Piemonte for a legislative amendment to the Constitution providing for the quadrennial election of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and certain other state officials. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND CERTAIN OTHER STATE OFFICIALS.

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

9 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

10 Section 1 of Article LXIV of the Constitution of
11 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, is
12 hereby further amended by striking out said section 1
13 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

14 SECTION 1. The governor, lieutenant governor,
15 councillors, secretary, treasurer and receiver-general,

16 attorney-general, and auditor shall be elected quad-
17 rennially. The senators and representatives shall be
18 elected biennially. The governor, lieutenant governor
19 and councillors shall hold their respective offices from
20 the first Wednesday in January succeeding their elec-
21 tion to and including the first Wednesday in January
22 in the fifth year following their election and until their
23 successors are chosen and qualified. The terms of
24 senators and representatives shall begin with the first
25 Wednesday in January succeeding their election and
26 shall extend to the first Wednesday in January in the
27 third year following their election and until their suc-
28 cessors are chosen and qualified. The terms of the
29 secretary, treasurer, and receiver-general, attorney-
30 general and auditor shall begin with the third Wednes-
31 day in January succeeding their election and shall
32 extend to the third Wednesday in January in the fifth
33 year following their election and until their successors
34 are chosen and qualified.