

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Albert L. O'Neil and Michael F. Flaherty for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the election of judges by the people of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF JUDGES BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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  
7 following]:

8 **ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.**

9 At the biennial state election in nineteen hundred and eighty-  
10 four and in every fourth year thereafter, the justices of the supreme  
11 court and appeals' court and judges in the superior, district, munic-  
12 ipal, land, probate, housing and juvenile courts shall be chosen by  
13 the voters of the commonwealth or by voters in judicial districts as  
14 determined by the legislature.

