

HOUSE No. 5496

By Mr. Finneran of Boston, petition of Thomas M. Finneran for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the election of certain justices by the people of the Commonwealth. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN JUSTICES 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
5 Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next
6 General Court and approved by the people at the state election
7 next following]:

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 At the biennial state election in nineteen hundred and eighty-
10 four and in every eighth year thereafter, the Justices of the
11 Supreme Court shall be chosen by the voters of the Common-
12 wealth; and the Justices of the District Courts shall be chosen by
13 the voters of each Judicial District as determined by the legislature.

