
By Mr. Gately of Waltham (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-Five.

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 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 Constitution
5 [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court
6 and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

7 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

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

