

By Mr. Hodgkins of Lee, petition of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Christopher J. Hodgkins, Stephen M. Brewer, Carmen H. Buell and Barbara Gardner for a legislative amendment to the Constitution limiting the length of the legislative session. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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**PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION LIMITING THE LENGTH OF THE LEGISLATION SESSION.**

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

8 **ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.**

9 The general court shall assemble in regular session on the first  
10 Wednesday of January of each year and such session shall terminate on the day preceding the first Wednesday of August of each  
11 year unless it be sooner prorogued or adjourned: but nothing contained herein shall prevent the general court from assembling for a  
12 special session at such other times as they shall judge necessary  
13 on petition by a majority of the members of each house or when  
14 called together by the governor.  
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