

HOUSE No. 3892

By Mr. Robinson of Melrose (by request), petition of Louise Hatch Meservey for legislation to prohibit the holding of two or more elected public positions. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT TO FORBID SIMULTANEOUS HOLDING OF TWO OR MORE ELECTIVE PUBLIC POSITIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Government in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is based
- 2 on a system of checks and balances to protect people from abuse
- 3 of power concentrated in the hands of one or a few persons; and
- 4 whereas simultaneous holding of two or more elective public
- 5 positions by one person does concentrate political power and
- 6 whereas the elective process does not and can not provide
- 7 adequate protection against abuse of power by a person holding
- 8 two or more elective public positions;
- 9 That no person in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall
- 10 simultaneously hold two or more elective public positions.

