

By Mr. Natsios of Holliston, petition of Andrew S. Natsios, Deborah R. Cochran and Forrester A. Clark, Jr., for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to limiting annual sessions of the General Court to seven months. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO
LIMIT ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL COURT TO A PERIOD OF
SEVEN MONTHS.

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 **ARTICLE.** . The general court shall assemble in regular
10 session on the first Wednesday of January of each year and shall be
11 dissolved not later than the Friday next preceding the first Monday
12 in August of each year, without any proclamation or other act of
13 the governor, but nothing contained herein shall prevent the gen-
14 eral court from assembling at such other times as they shall judge
15 necessary, or when called together by the governor.

16 All the provisions of the existing constitution inconsistent with
17 the provisions herein contained are hereby wholly annulled.

By the House of Representatives, passed July 1, 1902.

AN ACT TO

FOR THE PURPOSE OF

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 1. That the Secretary of the Interior

SECTION 2.

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