

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to reducing the residency requirements for Senators and Councillors from five years to one year. Election Laws.

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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  
REDUCING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR SENATORS AND COUN-  
CILLORS FROM FIVE YEARS TO ONE YEAR.

1 A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House  
2 of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expe-  
3 dient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following  
4 Article of 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 ART. . . Section 1. Article XVI of the Amendments to the  
10 Constitution is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence  
11 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— No person  
12 shall be eligible to the office of councillor who has not been an  
13 inhabitant of the commonwealth for the term of one year immedi-  
14 ately preceding election.

15 Section 2. Section 2 of Article XCII of the Amendments to the  
16 Constitution is hereby amended by striking out the fifth sentence  
17 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— Each dis-  
18 trict shall elect one senator, who shall have been an inhabitant of  
19 this commonwealth one year at least immediately preceding his  
20 election, and at the time of his election, shall be an inhabitant of  
21 the district for which he is chosen; and he shall cease to represent  
22 such senatorial district when he shall cease to be an inhabitant of  
23 the commonwealth.

