

By Mr. Locke, a petition of David H. Locke and Gilbert W. Cox, Jr., for a legislative amendment to the Constitution providing for the appointment of the Secretary and Treasurer by the Governor. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER BY THE GOVERNOR.

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ARTICLE . *Section 1.* Article XVII of the Amendments of the Constitution, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the first sentence and also in the third sentence the words "secretary, treasurer and receiver-general".

Section 2. Section 1 of Article LXIV of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in article LXXXII, is hereby amended by striking out, in the first sentence, the words "secretary, treasurer and receiver-general".

Section 3. Section 3 of said article is hereby amended by striking out the words "secretary, treasurer and receiver-general"

Section 4. Said article is hereby further amended by adding the following section: —

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the third Wednesday in January in the fifth year following said election and until their successors are chosen and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the balance of the unexpired term.

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