

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to eliminating certain residency requirements as a qualification to vote. Election Laws.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

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PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
ABOLISHING DURATIONAL RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING.

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

8 **ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.**

9 ART. . Article III of the Amendments to the Constitution is  
10 annulled and the following is adopted in its place:

11 Article III. Every citizen of eighteen years of age and upwards,  
12 excepting persons under guardianship and persons temporarily or  
13 permanently disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in  
14 respect to elections, who resides within the city or town in which  
15 he claims a right to vote shall have a right to vote in any election  
16 of governor, lieutenant governor, senators or representatives; and  
17 no other person shall be entitled to vote in such election.

By Mr. Bishop of Wisconsin, petition of John A. Bishop for a  
negative consent to the Commission to be organized in the  
State of Wisconsin as a corporation as set forth in  
said law.

The Commission of Wisconsin

do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct  
copy of the petition of John A. Bishop for a negative  
consent to the Commission to be organized in the  
State of Wisconsin as a corporation as set forth in  
said law.

That the said John A. Bishop is a resident of the State of Wisconsin  
and is a citizen of the United States.

1 A copy of the petition of the said John A. Bishop for a  
2 negative consent to the Commission to be organized in the  
3 State of Wisconsin as a corporation as set forth in  
4 said law is on file in the office of the said  
5 Commission and is open to the inspection of all  
6 persons who may desire to see the same.

ARTICLE ON NEGATIVE CONSENT

17 ART. 1. Any bill of the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin  
18 which shall be passed by the Legislature shall be  
19 subject to the negative consent of the Commission to be  
20 organized in the State of Wisconsin as a corporation  
21 as set forth in said law. Any bill which shall be  
22 passed by the Legislature and which shall not be  
23 subject to the negative consent of the Commission to be  
24 organized in the State of Wisconsin as a corporation  
25 as set forth in said law shall be null and void.  
26 If any person shall be guilty of any offense under  
27 this article he shall be liable to the same penalties  
as if he were guilty of the same offense under the  
law.