

By Mr. Robinson of Melrose, petition of William G. Robinson and other members of the House for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to placing certain limitations on appropriations. Ways and Means (joint).

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO PLACING LIMITATIONS ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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 follow-  
7 ing]:

8 **ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT**

9 The total of appropriations for any fiscal year shall not be  
10 greater than one hundred two and one-half per cent of the total of  
11 appropriations for the immediately preceding fiscal year, unless  
12 approved by more than four-fifths of the members in the Senate  
13 and four-fifths of the members in the House of Representatives.  
14 Appropriations exceeding the one hundred two and one-half per  
15 cent limit shall not be included when determining the appropria-  
16 tion limit for the following fiscal year.

