

HOUSE No. 3938

By Mr. Dignan of Braintree, petition of William J. Dignan for a legislative amendment to the Constitution requiring that only lawyers shall be eligible for appointment as judges. 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 QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS.

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

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

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9 ART. Article IX of chapter 2 of Part the Second of
10 the Constitution is hereby amended by adding at the end
11 thereof the following sentence: — All such officers shall be, at
12 the time of their appointment, licensed to practice law in the
13 commonwealth.

Dear Mr. [Name],

I have your letter of [Date] regarding [Subject].

I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time.

The [Department] is currently reviewing the matter and will contact you again as soon as a final decision has been reached.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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