

By Mr. Robinson of Melrose, petition of William G. Robinson for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the residency required for Senators and Representatives. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AFFECTING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

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  
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.* The second paragraph of section 1 of  
10 Article XCII of the amendments to the constitution is hereby  
11 amended by striking out the fifth sentence and inserting in place  
12 thereof the following sentence: — Every representative, for six  
13 months at least immediately preceding his election, shall have been  
14 an inhabitant of the district for which he is chosen and shall cease  
15 to represent such district when he shall cease to be an inhabitant of  
16 the commonwealth.

17 *Section 2.* Section 2 of Article XCII of the amendments to the  
18 constitution is hereby amended by striking out the fifth sentence  
19 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Each  
20 district shall elect one senator, who shall be an inhabitant of this  
21 commonwealth five years at least immediately preceding his  
22 election, and at the time of his election shall be an inhabitant of the  
23 district for which he is chosen at least six months immediately  
24 preceding his election; and he shall cease to represent such  
25 senatorial district when he shall cease to be an inhabitant of the  
26 commonwealth.

