

SENATE No. 648

By Mr. Kirby, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 648) of Edward P. Kirby for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to limit annual sessions of the General Court to a period not exceeding seven months. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO
LIMIT ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL COURT TO A PERIOD NOT
EXCEEDING SEVEN MONTHS.

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 Article LXIV of the amendments to the Constitution, as
10 amended by Article LXXII, is hereby further amended by striking
11 out section 2, and by inserting in place thereof the following new
12 section: —

13 Section 2. The general court shall assemble every year on the
14 first Wednesday in January and shall be dissolved not later than
15 the Friday next preceding the first Monday in August of each year,
16 without any proclamation or other act of the governor, but
17 nothing contained herein shall prevent the general court from
18 assembling at such other times as they shall judge necessary, or
19 when called together by the governor.

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