
By Mr. Glynn of Boston, petition of William A. Glynn for a legislative amendment to the Constitution providing for the quadrennial election of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and certain other state officials. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR AND CERTAIN OTHER STATE OFFICIALS.

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

9 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

10 Article LXIV of the Constitution of the Common-
11 wealth is hereby amended by striking out section 1
12 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

13 *Section 1.* The governor, lieutenant-governor, sec-
14 retary, treasurer and receiver-general, attorney-gen-
15 eral, auditor, councillors, senators and members of the
16 House of Representatives shall be elected quadren-
16 nially. The governor and lieutenant-governor shall
18 hold their respective offices from the first Wednesday
19 in January succeeding their election to and including
20 the first Wednesday in January in the fifth year fol-
21 lowing their election and until their successors are

22 chosen and qualified. The terms of senators and mem-
23 bers of the House of Representatives shall begin with
24 the first Wednesday in January succeeding their elec-
25 tion and shall extend to the first Wednesday in the
26 fifth year following their election and until their suc-
27 cessors are chosen and qualified. The terms of the
28 secretary, treasurer and receiver-general, attorney-
29 general and auditor shall begin with the third
30 Wednesday in January succeeding their election and
31 shall extend to the third Wednesday in January in
32 the fifth year following their election and until their
33 successors are chosen and qualified. The councillors
34 shall hold their office from the first Wednesday in
35 January succeeding their election to and including
36 the first Wednesday in January in the fifth year fol-
37 lowing their election and until their successors are
38 chosen and qualified. The terms of representatives
39 shall begin with the first Wednesday in January suc-
40 ceeding their election and shall extend to the first
41 Wednesday in January in the fifth year following
42 their election and until their successors are chosen and
43 qualified.

44 Said Article LXIV is hereby further amended by
45 striking out section 4 and inserting in place thereof
46 the following:—

47 *Section 4.* The first election to which this article
48 shall apply shall be held on the Tuesday next fol-
49 lowing the first Monday in November in the year
50 nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and thereafter elec-
51 tions for the choice of all officers before mentioned
52 shall be held quadrennially on the Tuesday next
53 after the first Monday in November.