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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Michael A. Costello (BY REQUEST)**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General
 Court assembled:*

 The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide for a minimum standard for charter revisions.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| James N. Thivierge | 106 Friend StreeetAmesbury, MA 01913 |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide for a minimum standard for charter revisions.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

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

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

SECTION 1. To amend article LXXXIX of the Massachusetts Constitution section 3, Procedure for Adoption of Revision and in the sixth paragraph and in its last sentence after the word “thereon” insert the following phrase “with a minimum of twenty five percent of the registered votes voting” to set a minimum standard for all charter revisions within this procedure at the next Constitutional Convention within the current session of this General Court 2005-2006.