

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael A. Costello (BY REQUEST)

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.

PETITION OF:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1368 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:*

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

5 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

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