

HOUSE No. 01825

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven L. Levy

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:

A A proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution establishing a part time General Court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

PROPOSAL A proposal for a legislative amendment
to the Constitution establishing a part time General Court.

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.

1 Article I of the Constitution is hereby amended by striking sentence two and inserting in
2 place thereof the following:- “The legislative body shall convene on the first Wednesday of
3 January of each calendar year unless otherwise convened by the Governor, or by mutual call of
4 the presiding officers of both Houses.

5 The legislative body may continue in session each calendar year so long as, in its judgment, the
6 public interest may require; however, each session shall not extend beyond the last day of June
7 unless the session is recalled by the Governor or the mutual call of the presiding officers of both
8 Houses; and shall be stiled, The General Court of Massachusetts.