

HOUSE No. 01830

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost

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 for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative and referendum petitions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Denise Provost

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

27th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

PROPOSAL for a legislative amendment to the
Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative and
referendum petitions.

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 Section 2 of Part IV, “Legislative Action on Proposed Constitutional Amendments” of
2 “THE INITATIVE” of Article XLVIII, as amended by Article LXXXI, of the Amendments to
3 the Constitution of the Commonwealth is hereby amended by striking in the first sentence the
4 words “three per cent” following the words “as will equal”, and by substituting therefore the
5 following words: -- “seven per cent”.

6 Section 1 of Part V, “Legislative Action on Proposed Laws” of “THE INITATIVE” of Article
7 XLVIII, as amended by Article LXXXI, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the
8 Commonwealth is hereby amended by striking in the first sentence the words “three per cent”
9 following the words “as will equal”, and by substituting therefore the following words: -- “seven
10 per cent”.

11 Section 1 of Part V, “Legislative Action on Proposed Laws” of “THE INITATIVE” of Article
12 XLVIII, as amended by Article LXXXI, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the
13 Commonwealth is hereby further amended by striking in the second sentence the words “one half
14 of one per cent” following the words “equal in number to not less than”, and by substituting
15 therefore the following words: -- “one and one half per cent”.

16 Section 2 of Part V, “Legislative Action on Proposed Laws” of “THE INITATIVE” of Article
17 XLVIII, as amended by Article LXXXI, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the
18 Commonwealth is hereby amended by striking in the third sentence the words “one half of one
19 per cent” following the words “equal in number to not less than”, and by substituting therefore
20 the following words: -- “one and one half per cent”.

21 Section 3 of Part III, “Referendum Petitions” of “THE REFERENDUM” of Article XLVIII, as
22 amended by Articles LXXIV and LXXXI, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the
23 Commonwealth is hereby amended by striking in the third sentence the words “two per cent”
24 following the words “equal in number to not less than”, and by substituting therefore the
25 following words: -- “four and one half per cent”.

26 Section 4 of Part III, “Referendum Petitions” of “THE REFERENDUM” of Article XLVIII, as
27 amended by Article LXXIV and LXXXI, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the
28 Commonwealth is hereby amended by striking in the fourth sentence the words “one and one
29 half per cent” following the words “equal in number to not less than”, and by substituting
30 therefore the following words: -- “three and one quarter per cent”.