

SENATE No. 12

By Ms. Murray, a petition (accompanied by proposal) of Therese Murray, Josh S. Cutler, James M. Cantwell, Barry R. Finegold and other members of the General Court for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to absentee and early voting. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to absentee and early voting by voters of the Commonwealth.

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 1. Article CXXI. Article XLV of the Amendments to the Constitution, as
2 appearing in Article CV of the Amendments, is hereby annulled and the following is adopted in
3 place thereof:-

4 Article XLV. The general court shall have power to provide by law for voting, in the
5 choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question submitted at an election, by any
6 qualified voter of the commonwealth by absentee ballot.

7 Section 2. The Constitution is hereby amended by adding the following article:-

8 Article CXXII. The general court shall have the power to provide, by law, a process to
9 allow qualified voters to vote at polling places inside or outside such voter's election district,
10 during the 10 business days immediately preceding an election.