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SENATE, Wednesday, April 26, 2016

Text of the proposed new draft recommended by the committee on the Judiciary to the proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions.

For the committee, William N. Brownberger

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1 A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in 2 joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the 3 following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if 4 similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the 5 state election next following]: 6 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT. 7 Section 2 of Part II, "Initiative Petitions", of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the 8 Constitution of the Commonwealth is hereby amended by striking the word "and" in the last line 9 of the third paragraph and inserting in the third paragraph after the word "assembly":-10 the rights set forth in this constitution to freedom and equality, or the right of each individual to 11 be protected by society in the enjoyment of life, liberty and property, according to standing laws.