

HOUSE No. 37

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Orlando Ramos and Carlos González

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 adoption of the accompanying proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require reappointment of judges every 5 years.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Orlando Ramos</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>

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By Representatives Ramos of Springfield and González of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 37) of Orlando Ramos and Carlos González for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require reappointment of judges every five years. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3840 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require reappointment of judges every 5 years.

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 chapter III of Part the Second of the Constitution is hereby amended by
- 2 striking out the words “during good behavior” and inserting place thereof the following words:-
- 3 for 5 years and shall be eligible for reappointment by the governor, with consent of the council.