

**SENATE . . . . . No. 60**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jason M. Lewis*

*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 relative to income tax.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, Senate, No. 60) of Jason M. Lewis, Ellen Story, Ruth B. Balsler, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and other members of the General Court for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to income tax. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to income tax.

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 XLIV of the Amendments to the Constitution is hereby amended by  
2 striking out the second and third sentences and inserting in place thereof the following:-

3 “Such tax, if imposed, shall be levied at a uniform rate or at graduated rates. The general  
4 court may grant reasonable exemptions and abatements and establish the number and range of  
5 brackets.”