

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3537**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Alice K. Wolf, Byron Rushing**

*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:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Stanley C. Rosenberg	Hampshire and Franklin
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Peter v. Kocot	1st Hampshire
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Matthew C. Patrick	3rd Barnstable
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Jay R. Kaufman	15th Middlesex
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester

Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Michael A. Costello	1st Essex
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden
John D. Keenan	7th Essex
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF INITIATIVE 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 II, "Initiative Petitions," of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the  
2   Constitution of the Commonwealth is hereby amended by inserting in the first sentence of the third  
3   paragraph after the words "shall be the subject of an initiative or referendum petition" the following  
4   words: "The rights to freedom and equality; the right of each individual to be protected by society in the  
5   enjoyment of life, Liberty and property, according to standing laws."