

HOUSE No. 31

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer Balinsky Armini

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 the title of the Lieutenant Governor.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/30/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/3/2023</i>

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By Representative Armini of Marblehead, a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 31) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the title of the Lieutenant-Governor. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the title of the Lieutenant Governor.

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 The constitution is hereby amended by striking Article I of Part the Second, Chapter II,
2 Section II and replacing it with the following:-

3 Article I.

4 There shall be elected a lieutenant governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts,
5 whose title shall be, Her Honor, His Honor, or Their Honor and who shall be qualified, in point
6 of [religion, property,] and residence in the commonwealth, in the same manner with the
7 governor: and the day and manner of his election, and the qualifications of the electors, shall be
8 the same as are required in the election of a governor. The return of the votes for this officer, and

9 the declaration of his election, shall be in the same manner: and if no one person shall be found
10 to have [a majority] of all the votes returned, the vacancy shall be filled by the senate and house
11 of representatives, in the same manner as the governor is to be elected, in case no one person
12 shall have [a majority] of the votes of the people to be governor. [See Amendments, Arts. VII,
13 XIV, XXXIV, LXIV and LXXX.]