

HOUSE No. 66

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kate Donaghue

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 oaths of office.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kate Donaghue

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

19th Worcester

DATE ADDED:

1/15/2025

HOUSE No. 66

By Representative Donaghue of Westborough, a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 66) of Kate Donaghue for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the oaths and affirmations of public office. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to oaths of office.

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 VI of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution is hereby amended
2 by striking in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the following oath shall be
4 taken and subscribed by every person chosen or appointed to any office, civil or military under
5 the government of this commonwealth, before such person shall enter on the duties of his or her
6 office, to wit: “I, A.B., do solemnly swear or affirm [and when appropriate, “under the penalties
7 of perjury”], that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
8 and will support the constitution thereof.”