

HOUSE No. 1368

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport (by request), petition of Jim Thivierge for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide for a minimum standard for charter revisions. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM STANDARD FOR CHARTER REVISIONS.

1 A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House
2 of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expe-
3 dient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following
4 Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the
5 Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next
6 General Court and approved by the people at the state election
7 next following]:—

8 **ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.**

9 **SECTION 1.** To amend article LXXXIX of the Massachusetts
10 Constitution section 3, Procedure for Adoption of Revision and in
11 the sixth paragraph and in its last sentence after the word
12 “thereon” insert the following phrase “with a minimum of twenty-
13 five percent of the registered votes voting” to set a minimum stan-
14 dard for all charter revisions within this procedure at the next
15 Constitutional Convention within the current session of this
16 General Court 2005-2006.