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HOUSE . . . . . No. 67

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

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:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Byron Rushing	*9th Suffolk*
Martha M. Walz	*8th Suffolk*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Rushing of Boston, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 67) of Byron Rushing and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *529* OF 2011-2012.]

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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.

Section 2 of Part II, "Initiative Petitions", of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph a new paragraph, as follows:-

No initiative petition shall propose a constitutional amendment that would restrict the rights set forth in this constitution to freedom and equality, or the right of each individual to be protected by society in the enjoyment of life, liberty and property, according to standing laws.