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SENATE . . . . . No. 20

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 requiring a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	☐ *[District]* ☐
Michael R. Knapik	☐ *[District]* ☐
Robert L. Hedlund	☐ *[District]* ☐
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex*
Mark C. Montigny	☐ *[District]* ☐

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By Mr. Tarr, petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 20) of Bruce Tarr, Michael Knapik, Robert Hedlund and other members of the General Court for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *2014* OF 2009-2010.]

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Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution requiring a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds.

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 1. "The constitution is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new article: -"In the furtherance of the foregoing powers, the general court shall have the power to appropriate funds held, in the stabilization fund, so-called, as provided for by section 2H of chapter 29, and shall expend those funds in said manner provided that said funds shall be expend in laws enacted by a two thirds vote, taken by yeas and nays, of each branch of the General Court."