

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 38**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Susannah M. Whipps and Paul W. Mark*

*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 to define the succession plan for a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/15/2023</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>

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By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 38) of Susannah M. Whipps, Paul W. Mark and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to a succession plan for a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant-Governor. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 84 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to define the succession plan for a vacancy in the office of 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           Whenever the chair of the lieutenant governor shall be vacant, by reason of death,
- 2 resignation, removal from office, or permanent incapacity, the governor shall nominate a
- 3 lieutenant governor, who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both house of
- 4 the General Court.