
Summary of Question 2

This proposed law would create a citizens commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated. Any resident of Massachusetts who is a United States citizen would be able to apply for appointment to the 15-member commission, and members would serve without compensation. The Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the state Attorney General, the Speaker of the state House of Representatives, and the President of the state Senate would each appoint three members of the commission and, in making these appointments, would seek to ensure that the commission reflects a range of geographic, political, and demographic backgrounds. The commission would be required to research and take testimony, and then issue a report regarding (1) the impact of political spending in Massachusetts; (2) any limitations on the state's ability to regulate corporations and other entities in light of Supreme Court decisions that allow corporations to assert certain constitutional rights; (3) recommendations for constitutional amendments; (4) an analysis of constitutional amendments introduced to Congress; and (5) recommendations for advancing proposed amendments to the United States Constitution. The commission would be subject to the state Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law. The commission's first report would be due December 31, 2019, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth would be required to deliver the commission's report to the state Legislature, the United States Congress, and the President of the United States. The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2019."

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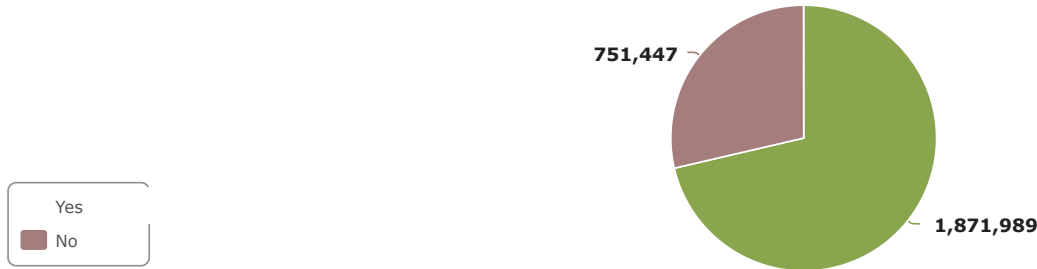


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BARNSTABLE More »	79,840	35,235	4,419	119,494
BERKSHIRE More »	39,650	11,766	3,537	54,953
BRISTOL More »	122,967	59,706	10,436	193,109
DUKES More »	7,928	1,783	568	10,279
ESSEX More »	207,311	93,927	16,026	317,264
FRANKLIN More »	25,827	6,578	1,035	33,440
HAMPDEN More »	97,378	53,274	8,522	159,174
HAMPSHIRE More »	54,905	14,354	2,444	71,703
MIDDLESEX More »	486,433	163,731	28,014	678,178
NANTUCKET More »	2,952	1,049	204	4,205
NORFOLK More »	214,460	84,753	12,939	312,152
PLYMOUTH More »	142,487	74,033	10,693	227,213
SUFFOLK More »	182,127	55,360	17,355	254,842
WORCESTER More »	207,724	95,898	13,037	316,659
TOTALS	1,871,989	751,447	129,229	2,752,665