

If the Joint Session fails to meet, or fails to continue meeting from time to time, the Governor may force the Joint Session to convene;

The question before the Joint Session the first time the Initiative Proposal is considered is on Agreeing to the Amendment;

Any amendments to a Proposal introduced by Initiative Petition must be adopted by a three fourths roll call vote;

The Initiative Proposal is agreed to if it receives the affirmative vote of one-fourth of all the members elected (50 votes);

If so approved, the Initiative Proposal is then referred to the next General Court;

A majority of those voting (a roll call is required) may adopt resolutions submitting to the people a substitute for the Proposal. If approved by a majority vote of the next General Court, this substitute will appear on the ballot as a legislative substitute for the Initiative measure;

The Initiative Proposal, and also the substitute, if one was approved, are then referred to the next General Court;

After the swearing in of a new General Court, the question before the Joint Session will be on again agreeing to the amendment;

One-fourth of the members elected (50 votes) are required to again approve the Initiative Proposal;

If a legislative substitute was adopted previously, it must again receive (by roll call vote) a majority vote of those voting, in order to appear on the ballot as an alternative to the Initiative Proposal;

The Senate Clerk then certifies the action of the Joint Session, and transmits the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth;

The Secretary will place the Initiative Proposal on the ballot at the next election, along with the legislative substitute, if one was approved by the Joint Session;

If the voters of the Commonwealth approve the Initiative Proposal or the legislative substitute by a majority vote, and the total is equal to at least 30 per cent of the total number of ballots cast at the election, then the Initiative Proposal or the Legislative substitute stands approved as an Amendment to the Constitution.