

HOUSE No. 1487

Resolve accompanying the petition of John I. Fitzgerald for an amendment of the Constitution prohibiting the support of certain institutions from public funds. Constitutional Amendments. January 21.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

RESOLVE

Providing for an Amendment of the Constitution so as to prohibit the Support of Institutions from Public Funds.

1 *Resolved*, That it is expedient to alter the constitution
2 of this commonwealth by the adoption of the subjoined
3 article of amendment, and that the said article, being
4 agreed to by a majority of the senators and two thirds of
5 the members of the house of representatives present and
6 voting thereon, with the yeas and nays taken thereon,
7 and referred to the general court next to be chosen, and
8 that said article be published to the end that, if agreed
9 to in the manner provided by the constitution by the
10 general court next to be chosen, it may be submitted to
11 the people for their approval and ratification in order that
12 it may become a part of the constitution of the common-
13 wealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

14 No law shall be passed respecting an establishment of
15 religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, nor shall
16 the state or any county, city, town, village or other civil
17 division use its property or credit or any money raised
18 by taxation or otherwise, or authorize either to be used
19 for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding by
20 appropriation, payment for services, expenses, or in any
21 other manner any church, religious denomination, or re-
22 ligious society, or any college, educational or other in-
23 stitution, school, infirmary, hospital or undertaking,
24 which is not a state, county, city or town institution es-
25 tablished by statute, ordinance or by-law of the state,
26 county, city, town, village or other civil division.