
By Mr. Donahue, a petition of Maurice A. Donahue for the adoption of resolutions by the General Court memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend the Constitution of the United States by providing for the abolition of the Electoral College and establishing the direct popular election of the President and Vice-President of the United States. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES BY PROVIDING FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND ESTABLISHING THE DIRECT POPULAR ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas, The national election of 1968 has once again demonstrated the dangerous potentialities for deadlock inherent in the existence of the Electoral College; and

Whereas, The present Electoral College system is archaic, obsolete, and undemocratic; and

Whereas, The present Electoral College system does violence to the full realization of the one-man, one-vote doctrine in national elections; and

Whereas, The abolition of the Electoral College will result in bringing the people, the ultimate source of all electoral power, directly into the process of electing a President and Vice-President of the United States; therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Court of Massachusetts respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to support an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which will provide for the abolition of the Electoral College and its replacement by the direct popular election of the President and Vice-President of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith to the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to each member thereof from the Commonwealth.

The Government of the Colonies

By the Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of the Report of the Committee of the House of Commons on the subject of the Government of the Colonies, and to be glad to see that the Committee have arrived at the same conclusions as the Secretary of State.

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