

HOUSE . . . No. 1954

By Mr. Skladzien of Webster, petition of Charles J. Skladzien for a legislative amendment of the Constitution providing for absent voting by qualified voters who by reason of physical disability are unable to vote in person. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR ABSENT VOTING BY QUALIFIED VOTERS WHO BY REASON OF PHYSICAL DISABILITY ARE UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON.

1 A joint session of the Senate and House of Repre-
2 sentatives hereby declares it to be expedient to alter
3 the Constitution by the adoption of the following
4 Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become
5 a part of the Constitution, if similarly agreed to in
6 a joint session of the next General Court and approved
7 by the people at the state election next following:

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 Article XLV of the amendments to the constitution
10 is hereby amended by adding after the word "in-
11 habitants", in the third line, the words:— or are
12 unable by reason of physical disability to cast their
13 votes at the polling place in person,— so that the
14 said article will read as follows:— *Article XLV.*

15 The general court shall have power to provide by
16 law for voting by qualified voters of the common-
17 wealth who, at the time of an election, are absent
18 from the city or town of which they are inhabitants
19 or are unable by reason of physical disability to cast
20 their votes at the polling place in person, in the
21 choice of any officer to be elected or upon any ques-
22 tion submitted at such election.