

HOUSE No. 1833

By Mr. Roach of North Adams (by request), petition of James A. Bowes (mayor of North Adams) and members of the city council for legislation to grant total property tax exemption to paraplegic veterans of World War II on real property owned and occupied by them. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT GRANTING TOTAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION TO
WORLD WAR II PARAPLEGICS ON REAL PROPERTY THAT
IS BOTH OWNED AND OCCUPIED BY THEM.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 59 of the General Laws, Tercentenary
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section
3 5, clause 22d thereof, the following clause:—
4 Twenty-second A. Any real property, that is
5 both owned and occupied by any resident of the
6 commonwealth who was such upon entering the
7 armed forces of the United States prior to his service
8 in World War II, and who so served in and during
9 said World War II, and by such service became a
10 paraplegic, shall be totally exempt from taxation so
11 long as said World War II paraplegic veteran both
12 owns and occupies said property as his residence.

The Constitution of Massachusetts

Article I. The Legislative Department.

Section 1. The legislative power shall be vested in a Senate and House of Representatives, who shall be styled the Senate and Representatives of the Commonwealth, and together with the Governor and Council shall be styled the Council and Representatives of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. The Senate shall be composed of six members, who shall be chosen for the term of seven years, and shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

Section 3. The House of Representatives shall be composed of such number of Representatives as may be determined by law, but not exceeding one Representative for every five free persons.

Section 4. The Representatives shall be chosen for the term of two years, and shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

Section 5. The Governor and Council shall have the power to call the Senate and House of Representatives together, and to adjourn them at such times and places as they may think proper.

Section 6. The Governor and Council shall have the power to suspend any Representative for any crime or misdemeanor committed by him while he is a Representative, and to expel any Representative for any crime or misdemeanor committed by him while he is a Representative.