

HOUSE No. 2021

By Mr. Tilden of Scituate, petition of Nathaniel Tilden for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide for absent voting at primaries. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR ABSENT VOTING AT PRIMARIES.

1 A majority of all the members elected to the Senate
2 and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby
3 declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution
4 by the adoption of the following Article of Amend-
5 ment to the end that it may become a part of the
6 Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session
7 of the next General Court and approved by the people
8 at the state election next following]:

9 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

10 Article XLV of the articles of amendment, as ap-
11 pearing in article LXXVI of said amendments, is
12 hereby annulled and the following adopted in place
13 thereof:—

14 *Article XLV.* The general court shall have power
15 to provide by law for voting in the choice of any
16 officer to be nominated or elected at a primary or

17 election, or upon any question submitted at an
18 election, by qualified voters of the commonwealth who,
19 at the time of such primary or election, are absent from
20 the city or town of which they are inhabitants or are
21 unable by reason of physical disability to cast their
22 votes in person at the polling places.
