

SENATE No. 124

To accompany the petition of John J. Carey for an amendment of the Constitution to provide for the election of judges by the people. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two.

PROPOSAL

For a Legislative Amendment to the Constitution to provide for the Election of Judges by the People.

1 A joint session of the senate and house of
2 representatives hereby declares it to be expedient
3 to alter the constitution by the adoption of the
4 following article of amendment, to the end it
5 may become a part of the constitution if similarly
6 agreed to in joint session of the next general
7 court and approved by the people at the state
8 election next following:—

9 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

10 Section I of chapter II of Part the Second of
11 the constitution of the commonwealth is hereby
12 amended by striking out Article IX and inserting
13 in place thereof the following:— *Article IX.* All

14 judicial officers shall be chosen by the people in
15 the manner following:—The justices of the
16 supreme judicial, superior and the land courts
17 shall be elected by vote of all the voters of the
18 commonwealth, those of district courts by the
19 voters in the several judicial districts, and those
20 of the probate courts and courts of insolvency by
21 the voters of the several counties, for such terms
22 and in such manner as the general court may
23 prescribe.