

# SENATE . . . . No. 185

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To accompany the petition of Dwight Anderson for a legislative amendment of the Constitution restoring the original method of electing representatives to the General Court. Constitutional Law.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION RESTORING THE ORIGINAL METHOD OF ELECTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT.

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 be  
5 come a part of the Constitution, if similarly agreed  
6 to in a joint session of the next General Court and  
7 approved by the people at the state election next  
8 following:

9 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

10 And in order to provide for a representation of the  
11 citizens of this commonwealth, founded upon the  
12 principle of equality, every corporate town contain-  
13 ing one hundred and fifty ratable polls may elect  
14 one representative; every corporate town containing  
15 three hundred and seventy-five ratable polls may  
16 elect two representatives; every corporate town  
17 containing six hundred ratable polls may elect three

18 representatives; and proceeding in that manner,  
19 making two hundred and twenty-five ratable polls  
20 the mean increasing number for every additional  
21 representative.

22 All provisions of this constitution and of the  
23 amendments thereto authorizing a different number  
24 of representatives or a different method of apportion-  
25 ment or election thereof, are hereby annulled.