

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 412**

By Mr. Landry of Waltham, petition of Richard E. Landry for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to abolishing county government. Counties.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
RELATIVE TO ABOLISHING COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

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

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

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 That level of government known as county government is  
10 hereby abolished. Such of its functions as involve roads,  
11 highways and courts, and as involve other functions as the  
12 General Court may determine, shall be transferred to the  
13 Commonwealth. Such other lesser functions, including but not  
14 limited to the keeping of records exclusively involving individual  
15 cities and towns, as the General Court may determine, shall be  
16 transferred to the cities and towns. Persons in the employ of the  
17 county at the time of said abolition and for a period of six  
18 months previous, shall be reassigned to the Commonwealth, as  
19 and if the General Court so directs, or to the cities and towns as  
20 the cities and towns may direct.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

By Mr. Speaker of the House of Commons, in the House of Commons, on the 14th day of June, 1841.

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ARTICLE OF AGREEMENT

This Article of Agreement, made at the City of London, on the 14th day of June, 1841, between the