

HOUSE No. 1459

By Mr. McCarthy of Somerville, petition of Paul A. McCarthy for a legislative amendment of the Constitution abolishing the Executive Council and establishing a council consisting of the state officers. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 ARTICLE . Article I of section III of chapter II
10 of the constitution is hereby annulled and the follow-
11 ing article adopted in place thereof:

12 *Article I.* There shall be a council for advising the
13 governor in the executive department of the govern-
14 ment, to consist of the secretary of state, the state
15 treasurer, the state auditor and the attorney general,

16 besides the lieutenant governor, whom the governor,
17 for the time being, shall have full power and authority,
18 from time to time, at his discretion, to assemble and
19 call together; and the governor, with the said coun-
20 cillors, or three of them at least, shall and may, from
21 time to time, hold and keep a council, for the ordering
22 and directing the affairs of the commonwealth, ac-
23 cording to the laws of the land.