

SENATE No. 314.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, May 31, 1894.

The committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred the Resolve providing for submitting to the people the Article of Amendment to the Constitution relative to Commissioners of Insolvency (introduced on leave), report that the same ought to pass.

For the Committee,

GEO. N. SWALLOW.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four.

RESOLVE

Providing for submitting to the People the Article of Amendment to the Constitution relative to Commissioners of Insolvency.

1 *Resolved*, That the following article of amendment to
 2 the constitution, having been agreed to by the last and
 3 present general courts, and published in the manner
 4 required by the constitution, be submitted to the people
 5 for their ratification and adoption:—

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO COMMISSIONERS OF INSOLVENCY.

6 So much of article nineteen of the articles of amend-
 7 ment to the constitution of the Commonwealth as is
 8 contained in the following words: "commissioners of
 9 insolvency," is hereby annulled.

10 *Resolved*, That the people shall be assembled for the
 11 purpose aforesaid, in their respective polling places in
 12 the several cities and towns, in meetings to be legally
 13 warned, and held on Tuesday, the sixth day of November
 14 next, at which meetings all persons qualified to vote for
 15 state officers may give in their votes by ballot for or

16 against said article of amendment ; and the same officers
 17 shall preside in said meetings as in meetings for the
 18 choice of state officers, and shall in open meetings
 19 receive, sort, count and declare the votes for and against
 20 the said article of amendment ; and the said votes shall
 21 be recorded by the clerks of said cities and towns, and
 22 true returns thereof shall be made out under the hands
 23 of the mayor and aldermen, and of the selectmen, or a
 24 major part of them, and of the clerks of the said cities
 25 and towns, respectively, and sealed up, and, within ten
 26 days after the said meetings, transmitted to the secretary
 27 of the Commonwealth. So far as the same can be made
 28 applicable, the provisions of law applicable to the election
 29 of state officers shall apply to the taking of the vote on
 30 said article of amendment.

31 *Resolved*, That every person qualified to vote as afore-
 32 said may express his opinion on said article of amend-
 33 ment, and the following words shall be printed on the
 34 ballot, to wit :—

35 Shall the proposed amendment to the consti-
 36 tution relative to commissioners of insolvency
 37 be approved and ratified?

YES.	
NO.	

38 And if said article shall appear to be approved by a
 39 majority of the persons voting thereon, it shall be deemed
 40 and taken to be ratified and adopted by the people.

41 *Resolved*, That his excellency the governor and the
 42 council shall forthwith open and examine the votes re-
 43 turned as aforesaid ; and if it shall appear that said
 44 article of amendment has been approved by a majority
 45 of the persons voting thereon, according to the votes
 46 returned and certified as aforesaid, the same shall be
 47 enrolled on parchment and deposited in the secretary's
 48 office as a part of the constitution of the Commonwealth,
 49 and shall be published in immediate connection there-
 50 with, numbered according to its numerical position, with

51 the articles of amendment of the constitution heretofore
52 adopted, in all future editions of the laws of the Com-
53 monwealth printed by public authority.

54 *Resolved*, That his excellency the governor be, and he
55 hereby is, authorized and requested to issue his procla-
56 mation forthwith after the examination of the votes re-
57 turned as aforesaid, reciting said article of amendment
58 and announcing that said article has been duly adopted
59 and ratified by the people of the Commonwealth, and
60 thus becomes a part of the constitution thereof, and re-
61 quiring all magistrates and officers and all citizens of the
62 Commonwealth to take notice thereof and govern them-
63 selves accordingly, or that said article of amendment
64 has been rejected, as the case may be.