

SENATE No. 262.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, June 2, 1896.

The committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred the Resolve providing for an amendment to the constitution relative to succession to the office of governor and of lieutenant-governor, and to the discharge, during disability, of the duties of the governor and of the lieutenant-governor (introduced on leave), report that the same ought to pass.

For the Committee,

A. F. BARKER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

RESOLVE

Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, Relative to Succession to the Office of Governor and of Lieutenant-Governor, and to the Discharge, during Disability, of the Duties of the Governor and of the Lieutenant-Governor.

1 *Resolved*, That it is expedient to alter the constitution
2 of this Commonwealth by the adoption of the subjoined
3 article of amendment; and that the said article, being
4 agreed to by a majority of the senators and two-thirds
5 of the members of the house of representatives present
6 and voting thereon, be entered on the journals of both
7 houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and
8 referred to the general court next to be chosen; and that
9 the said article be published, to the end that, if agreed
10 to in the manner provided by the constitution, by the
11 general court next to be chosen, it may be submitted to
12 the people for their approval and ratification, in order
13 that it may become a part of the constitution of the
14 Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

15 In case of the death, resignation or removal from
16 office of the governor, the lieutenant-governor shall
17 succeed to the office of governor.

18 In case of a vacancy in the offices of governor and
19 lieutenant-governor, by reason of death, resignation or
20 removal from office, the president of the senate for the
21 time being shall perform all the duties incumbent upon
22 the governor, and shall have and exercise all the powers
23 and authorities with which by the constitution the gov-
24 ernor is vested.

25 In case of the death, resignation or removal from office
26 of the president of the senate while performing the duties
27 of governor, the speaker of the house of representatives
28 for the time being shall perform all the duties incumbent
29 upon the governor, and shall have and exercise all the
30 powers and authorities with which by the constitution the
31 governor is vested.

32 All the provisions of the existing constitution incon-
33 sistent with the provisions herein contained, are hereby
34 wholly annulled.

