

HOUSE No. 334.

[Resolve accompanying the petition of Aaron C. Dowse for an amendment of the constitution requiring the submission to the voters in certain cases of specific amendments of the constitution. Constitutional Amendments. January 27.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

RESOLVE

To provide for an Amendment of the Constitution requiring the Submission to the Voters of the Commonwealth in Certain Cases of Specific Amendments of the Constitution.

1 *Resolved*, That it is expedient to alter the constitu-
2 tion of the Commonwealth by the adoption of the sub-
3 joined article of amendment; and that the said article,
4 being agreed to by a majority of the senators and two-
5 thirds of the members of the house of representatives
6 present and voting thereon, be entered on the journals
7 of both houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon,
8 and be referred to the general court next to be chosen;
9 and that the said article be published, to the end that if
10 agreed to in the manner provided in the constitution by

11 the general court next to be chosen, it may be submitted
12 to the people for their approval and ratification in order
13 that it may become a part of the constitution of the Com-
14 monwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

15 If in any one year seventy-five thousand qualified
16 voters, certified to be such by the registrars of voters
17 of the cities or towns of which they are residents, shall
18 petition the general court for any specific amendment of
19 the constitution, then it shall be the duty of the general
20 court to submit such proposed amendment to the people
21 at the next state election ; and if it shall be approved by
22 a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon at such
23 election, then it shall be the duty of the secretary of
24 state to submit it to the people at the following state
25 election ; and if it shall be approved and ratified by two-
26 thirds of the qualified voters voting thereon at such
27 election, it shall become a part of the constitution of
28 this Commonwealth.