

SENATE No. 27.

SENATE, Jan. 21, 1903.

[Introduced on leave by Senator Apsey of Middlesex. Constitutional Amendments.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

RESOLVE

To provide for an Amendment of the Constitution, authorizing the Submission to the Voters of the Commonwealth of Specific Amendments of the Constitution upon the Petition of Voters.

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

11 next to be chosen, it may be submitted to the people for
12 their approval and ratification in order that it may be-
13 come a part of the constitution of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

14 If in any one year fifty thousand registered voters
15 shall petition for the submission to the people of any
16 specific law or amendment to this constitution, it shall
17 be the duty of the secretary of state to submit such pro-
18 posed law or amendment to the people at the next gen-
19 eral state election; and if a law so petitioned for and
20 submitted to the people shall be approved by a majority
21 of the qualified voters voting thereon at such election, it
22 shall take effect at such time as may be stated therein;
23 and if a constitutional amendment so petitioned for and
24 submitted shall be approved by a majority of the quali-
25 fied voters voting thereon at such election, then it shall
26 be the duty of the secretary of state to submit it to the
27 people at the following state election; and if it shall be
28 approved and ratified by a majority of the voters voting
29 thereon at such election, then it shall become a part of
30 the constitution of this Commonwealth.