

HOUSE No. 281.

Resolve accompanying the petition of Thomas L. Davis for legislation to provide for an amendment of the constitution requiring submission to popular vote in certain instances of specific laws and amendments of the constitution Constitutional Amendments. January 19.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

RESOLVE

To provide for an Amendment of the Constitution requiring Submission to Popular Vote in Certain Instances of Specific Laws and Amendments of the Constitution.

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
7 houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and re-
8 ferred to the general court next to be chosen; and that
9 the said article be published, to the end that if agreed to
10 in the manner provided by the constitution by the general
11 court next to be chosen, it may be submitted to the
12 people for their approval and ratification in order that it
13 may become a part of the constitution of the Common-
14 wealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

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