

SENATE No. 170.

To accompany the petition of Frank J. Batcheller and others for an amendment of the Constitution so as to prohibit sectarian legislation and the support of sectarian institutions from public funds. Constitutional Amendments.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

RESOLVE

To provide for amending the Constitution so as to prohibit Sectarian Legislation and the Support of Sectarian Institutions from Public Funds.

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

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

14 No law shall be passed respecting an establishment of
15 religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, nor shall
16 the state or any county, city, town, village or other civil
17 division use its property or credit or any money raised
18 by taxation or otherwise, or authorize either to be used,
19 for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding by
20 appropriation, payment for services, expenses, or in any
21 other manner, any church, religious denomination or re-
22 ligious society, or any institution, school, society or under-
23 taking, which is wholly or in part under sectarian or
24 ecclesiastical control.

