

HOUSE No. 298

Bill accompanying the petition of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for an amendment of the Constitution providing for the election of judges for a term of years. Constitutional Amendments. January 3.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

RESOLVE

Providing for an Amendment of the Constitution providing for the Election for a Term of Years of all Judges.

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

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

14 In order that the people may not suffer from the long
15 continuance in place of any judge who shall fail of dis-
16 charging the important duties of his office with ability,
17 fidelity, and for the public good, all judges shall be elected
18 by the people for a term of years, not to exceed five.

19 So much of article twenty-nine, Part I, of the
20 declaration of rights, of the constitution; of articles one
21 and three, of chapter three, of the second part of the con-
22 stitution, and all other parts thereof inconsistent with the
23 above provision, are hereby annulled.