

SENATE No. 1437

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, June 18, 1969.

The Committees on bills in the third reading, of the two branches, acting jointly, to whom was referred the proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution permitting the assessment of agricultural land at a value related to its use (Senate No. 599; Report recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor a new draft entitled "Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution permitting the assessment of agricultural or horticultural land at a value based upon its agricultural or horticultural uses." (Senate No. 1437) and that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the Senate Committee,

JOHN E. HARRINGTON JR.

For the House Committee,

MARY B. NEWMAN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
PERMITTING THE ASSESSMENT OF AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL
LAND AT A VALUE BASED UPON ITS AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICUL-
TURAL USES.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next Genral Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

ART. Full power and authority are hereby given and granted to the general court to prescribe, for the purpose of developing and conserving agricultural or horticultural lands, that such lands shall be valued, for the purpose of taxation, according to their agricultural or horticultural uses; provided, however, that no parcel of land which is less than five acres in area or which has not been actively devoted to agricultural or horticultural uses for the two years preceding the tax year shall be valued at less than fair market value under this article.