

HOUSE No. 3911

By Mr. Losch of Holliston, petition of John C. Losch and another for a legislative amendment to the Constitution providing that petitions to the General Court be signed by fifty residents of the Commonwealth or twenty representatives. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION MODIFYING THE RIGHT OF FULL PETITION.

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

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 Art. . . . Article XIX of Part the First of the Constitution
10 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "petitions" the
11 following words: — signed by fifty inhabitants of the common-
12 wealth who are not representatives to the general court or by
13 twenty such representatives.

The Act of the 19th of August 1870, which gave to the President the right to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in cases of rebellion or insurrection, is hereby amended so that the President shall have the right to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in cases of rebellion or insurrection, or in cases of imminent danger to the public safety.

The Constitution of the United States

Article I, Section 9, Clause 2

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

2. No Representative shall have been seven Years.