

HOUSE No. 4331

By Mr. White of Boston, petition of W. Paul White for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the election of certain justices by the people of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN JUSTICES BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 At the biennial state election in nineteen hundred and eighty-
10 four and in every eighth year thereafter, the Justices of the
11 Supreme Court shall be chosen by the voters of the Common-
12 wealth; and the Justices of the District Courts shall be chosen by
the voters of each Judicial District as determined by the legislature.

