

By Mr. Cahoon of Chatham, petition of Howard C. Cahoon, Jr., and another for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide for two hundred and two Representative districts, two of which shall consist of the counties of Dukes and Nantucket. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR TWO HUNDRED AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICTS, TWO OF WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF THE COUNTIES OF DUKES AND NANTUCKET.

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 fo 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 Article . The second paragraph of section I of article CI of the
10 amendments to the constitution is hereby amended by striking out
11 the first two sentences and inserting in place thereof the following
12 sentences: — The house of representatives shall consist of two
13 hundred and two members. The general court shall, at its regular
14 session after the year in which said census was taken, divide the
15 commonwealth into two hundred and two representative districts
16 of contiguous territory so that each representative will represent an
17 equal number of inhabitants, as nearly as may be, without uniting
18 two counties or parts of two or more counties, two towns, or parts

19 of two or more towns, two cities or parts of two or more cities, or a
 20 city and a town, or parts of cities and towns, into one district,
 21 provided however that two such representative districts shall con-
 22 sist of Nantucket and Dukes counties with each being a separate
 23 representative district.