

# SENATE . . . . . No. 139.

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[Senate, No. 51, as agreed to by the Senate.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Two.

### RESOLVE

For an Amendment of the Constitution providing for  
Biennial Elections.

*Resolved*, by both Houses, the same being agreed to by a majority of the Senators and two-thirds of the Members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon, That it is expedient to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth by adopting the subjoined Article of Amendment; and that the same, as thus agreed to, be entered on the journals of both Houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen; and that the same be published, to the end that, if agreed to by the General Court next to be chosen in the manner provided by the Constitution, it may be submitted to the people, for their approval and ratification, in order that it may become a part of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

## ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

The term of office of Senators and Representatives shall begin on the first Wednesday of January following their election, and shall continue for two years.

The term of office of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and Councillors shall begin on the first Wednesday of January following their election, and shall continue for two years, and until their successors are chosen and qualified.

The term of office of the Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, and Attorney-General, shall begin on the third Wednesday of January following their election, and shall continue for two years, and until their successors are chosen and qualified. No person shall be eligible as Treasurer and Receiver-General for more than six successive years.

The first election under this article to the offices herein named shall be on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, and thereafter on said Tuesday of November biennially.



