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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 25, 1893.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. PREVAUX of Amesbury.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-three.

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### RESOLVE

Providing for submitting to the People the Article of Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Payment of Mileage to Members of the General Court.

1 *Resolved*, That the following article of amendment to  
2 the constitution, having been agreed to by the last and  
3 present general courts, and published in the manner  
4 required by the constitution, be submitted to the people  
5 for their ratification and adoption : —

#### ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF MILEAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT.

6 So much of article two of section three of chapter one  
7 of the constitution of the Commonwealth as is contained  
8 in the following words : “ The expenses of travelling  
9 to the general assembly, and returning home, once in  
10 every session, and no more, shall be paid by the govern-  
11 ment, out of the public treasury, to every member who

12 shall attend as seasonably as he can, in the judgment of  
 13 the house, and does not depart without leave", is hereby  
 14 annulled.

1 *Resolved*, That the people shall be assembled for the  
 2 purpose aforesaid, in their respective polling places in  
 3 the several cities and towns, in meetings to be legally  
 4 warned, and held on Tuesday the seventh day of Novem-  
 5 ber next, at which meetings all persons qualified to vote  
 6 for state officers may give in their vote by ballot for or  
 7 against said article of amendment; and the same officers  
 8 shall preside in said meetings as in meetings for the  
 9 choice of state officers, and shall in open meetings re-  
 10 ceive, sort, count and declare the votes for and against  
 11 the said article of amendment; and the said votes shall  
 12 be recorded by the clerks of said cities and towns, and  
 13 true returns thereof shall be made out under the hands  
 14 of the mayor and aldermen, and of the selectmen, or a  
 15 major part of them, and of the clerks of the said cities  
 16 and towns, respectively, and sealed up, and within ten  
 17 days after the said meetings, transmitted to the secretary  
 18 of the Commonwealth. So far as the same can be made  
 19 applicable, the provisions of law applicable to the elec-  
 20 tion of state officers shall apply to the taking of the vote  
 21 on said article of amendment.

1 *Resolved*, That every person qualified to vote as afore-  
 2 said may express his opinion on said article of amend-  
 3 ment, and the following words shall be printed on the  
 4 ballot, to wit:—

5 Shall the proposed amendment to the con-  
 6 stitution relative to the payment of mileage to  
 7 members of the general court be approved and  
 8 ratified?

YES.
NO.

9 And if said article shall appear to be approved by a

10 majority of the persons voting thereon, it shall be  
11 deemed and taken to be ratified and adopted by the  
12 people.

1 *Resolved*, That his excellency the governor, and the  
2 council, shall forthwith open and examine the votes  
3 returned as aforesaid; and if it shall appear that said  
4 article of amendment has been approved by a majority  
5 of the persons voting thereon, according to the votes  
6 returned and certified as aforesaid, the same shall be  
7 enrolled on parchment, and deposited in the secretary's  
8 office as a part of the constitution of the Commonwealth,  
9 and shall be published in immediate connection therewith,  
10 numbered according to its numerical position, with the  
11 articles of amendment of the constitution heretofore  
12 adopted, in all future editions of the laws of the Common-  
13 wealth printed by public authority.

1 *Resolved*, That his excellency the governor be, and he  
2 hereby is, authorized and requested to issue his proc-  
3 lamation forthwith after the examination of the votes  
4 returned as aforesaid, reciting said article of amendment,  
5 and announcing that said article has been duly adopted  
6 and ratified by the people of the Commonwealth, and  
7 thus becomes a part of the constitution thereof, and  
8 requiring all magistrates and officers and all citizens of  
9 the Commonwealth to take notice thereof and govern  
10 themselves accordingly, or that said article of amend-  
11 ment has been rejected, as the case may be.

1 *Resolved*, That a printed copy of these resolves, in-  
2 cluding the said article of amendment, shall be transmit-  
3 ted as soon as may be by the secretary of the  
4 Commonwealth to the mayors and aldermen of the several  
5 cities and the selectmen of the several towns of the  
6 Commonwealth.

