

HOUSE No. 1412.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 23, 1898.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the message from the Governor for legislation to authorize registered voters in this Commonwealth now or hereafter mustered into the service of the United States and absent at their posts of duty, to vote at national, state and municipal elections, report the accompanying resolve.

For the Committee,

J. J. MYERS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

RESOLVE

To provide for an Amendment to the Constitution to secure the Elective Franchise to the Voters of the Commonwealth who are absent therefrom in the Military or Naval Service of the United States.

1 *Resolved* by both houses, the same being agreed to
2 by a majority of the senators and two-thirds of the mem-
3 bers of the house of representatives present and voting
4 thereon, that it is expedient to alter the constitution of
5 this Commonwealth by adopting the subjoined article of
6 amendment, and that the same as thus agreed to be
7 entered on the journals of both houses with the yeas and
8 nays taken thereon and referred to the general court
9 next to be chosen: and that the same be published to
10 the end that if agreed to by the general court next to be
11 chosen in the manner provided in the constitution, it
12 may be submitted to the people for their approval and
13 ratification in order that it may become a part of the con-
14 stitution of this Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

15 The general court shall have power to provide by law
16 the manner in which any qualified voter of this Common-

17 wealth, who is absent in the time of war in the military
18 or naval service of the United States, may vote in the
19 choice of any officer that may be voted for at any election.

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The foregoing article of amendment is agreed to, two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon having voted in the affirmative.

Sent up for concurrence.

JAMES W. KIMBALL, *Clerk.*

