

HOUSE No. 276.

[Resolve accompanying the petition of James W. Stillman. Constitutional Amendments.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

RESOLVE

To provide for an Amendment to the Constitution Relative to the Election and Tenure of Office of all Judges of the Commonwealth who are now Appointed by the Governor by and with the Consent of the Council.

1 *Resolved*, That it is expedient to alter the constitution
2 of the Commonwealth by the adoption of the subjoined
3 article of amendment; and that the said article, being
4 agreed to by a majority of the senators and two-thirds
5 of the members of the house of representatives present
6 and voting thereon, be entered on the journals of both
7 houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and re-
8 ferred to the general court next to be chosen; and that
9 the said article be published, to the end that if agreed to
10 in the manner provided by the constitution, by the gen-
11 eral court next to be chosen, it may be submitted to the
12 people for their approval and ratification, in order that it

13 may become a part of the constitution of the Common-
14 wealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

1 ARTICLE 37. All judges of this Commonwealth who
2 are now appointed by the governor, by and with the
3 advice and consent of the Council, shall be elected by
4 the qualified voters and shall hold their offices during a
5 term of six years, unless sooner removed therefrom by
6 the method now provided in this Constitution.
