

HOUSE No. 763

Resolve accompanying the petition of Salmon W. Putnam and others for an amendment of the Constitution prohibiting sectarian legislation and the support of sectarian institutions from public funds. Constitutional Amendments. January 26.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

RESOLVE

To provide for amending the Constitution so as to prohibit Sectarian Legislation and the Support of Sectarian Institutions from Public Funds.

1 *Resolved*, That it is expedient to alter the constitu-
2 tion of this commonwealth by the adoption of the sub-
3 joined article of amendment, and that the said article,
4 being agreed to by a majority of the senators and two-
5 thirds of the members of the house of representatives
6 present and voting thereon, with the yeas and nays taken
7 thereon, and referred to the general court next to be
8 chosen, and that said article be published to the end
9 that, if agreed to in the manner provided by the consti-
10 tion by the general court next to be chosen, it may be
11 submitted to the people for their approval and ratifica-

12 tion in order that it may become a part of the consti-
13 tution of the commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

14 No law shall be passed respecting an establishment of
15 religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, nor
16 shall the state or any county, city, town, village or
17 other civil division use its property or credit or any
18 money raised by taxation or otherwise, or authorize
19 either to be used, for the purpose of founding, main-
20 taining or aiding by appropriation, payment for services,
21 expenses, or in any other manner, any church, religious
22 denomination or religious society, or any institution,
23 school, society or undertaking, which is wholly or in
24 part under sectarian or ecclesiastical control.