
At the request of Mr. Barrus, the Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution permitting the assessment of agricultural or horticultural land at a value based upon its agricultural or horticultural uses (see Senate, No. 1263) (agreed to in joint session of the two houses of the preceding General Court) (see Senate, No. 1437 of 1969 — was taken from the files and referred to the committee on Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
PERMITTING THE ASSESSMENT OF AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL
LAND AT A VALUE BASED UPON ITS AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL
USES.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

ART. . . Full power and authority are hereby given and granted to the general court to prescribe, for the purpose of developing and conserving agricultural or horticultural lands, that such lands shall be valued, for the purpose of taxation, according to their agricultural or horticultural uses; provided, however, that no parcel of land which is less than five acres in area or which has not been actively devoted to agricultural or horticultural uses for the two years preceding the tax year shall be valued at less than fair market value under this article.

At the meeting held at the residence of the President, A. A. Phelps, on the 10th of
the month of August, 1840, the following resolutions were adopted: That the
committee on the subject of the proposed amendment of the constitution of the
United States, be authorized to prepare a report on the subject of the proposed
amendment, and to submit the same to the next meeting of the Society, to be
held on the 10th of the month of September, 1840.

The Constitution of the United States

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