

HOUSE No. 720

Resolve accompanying the petition of Willis W. Stover for an amendment of the Constitution relative to the manner of selecting, qualifying and commissioning officers of the militia. Constitutional Amendments. January 15.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

RESOLVE

To provide for an Amendment of the Constitution empowering the General Court to prescribe the Manner in which Officers of the Militia shall be selected, qualified and commissioned.

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 be
8 referred 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.

15 Officers of the militia shall be selected, qualified, and
 16 commissioned, in such manner as the legislature may, by
 17 law, prescribe.