

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 147

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In Senate, January 14, 1969

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and Ordered Printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Mr. Wyman of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Regulating the
Size of the State Senate.**

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of this State be proposed:

Constitution, Article IV, Part Second, Section 1, amended. Section 1 of Part Second of Article IV of the Constitution, as repealed and replaced by Article CIII, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Number of Senators. The Senate shall after the reapportionment thereof in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One, consist of an odd number of not less than ~~thirty~~ thirty-one nor more than ~~forty~~ forty-one Senators, elected at the same time and for the same term as Representatives by the qualified electors of the districts into which the State shall be from time to time divided.

Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives at the next general election in the month of November or special state-wide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolve to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

“Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature to provide for an odd numbered Senate of not less than thirty-one

nor more than forty-one Senators following the constitutionally required reapportionment in 1971?"

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, and shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall review the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment shall thereupon, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the Constitution

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve, accompanied by a copy thereof.