

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Mandate the Appropriation of Funds for State Employee and Teacher Retirement Costs.**

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**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 IX, § 19-A, is enacted to read:**

**Section 19-A.** Appropriation of funds to the Maine State Retirement System. Based upon actuarial reserve requirements, determined by the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System, there shall be appropriated and transferred to the Maine State Retirement System, on an annual basis, amounts of money which shall be sufficient in amount for the payment of the employer costs of all charges relating to the Maine State Retirement System and which shall be credited to the appropriate funds of the Maine State Retirement System.

**Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved:** That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the 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 resolution 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 make mandatory the appropriation of funds for state employee and teacher retirement costs?”

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 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 resolution, accompanied by a copy thereof.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Constitutional Resolution is to make the appropriation of funds to the Maine Retirement System by the State of Maine for state employee and teacher retirement costs mandatory on the part of the Executive and Legislative branches of State Government.