

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 53

In Senate, January 13, 2005

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine To Revoke the Voting Privileges of Persons Convicted of  
Certain Crimes**

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Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COURTNEY of York.  
Cosponsored by Senator ANDREWS of York, Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield and  
Senators: NASS of York, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, WOODCOCK of Franklin,  
Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, BIERMAN of Sorrento, BOWLES of Sanford,  
CLOUGH of Scarborough, FLETCHER of Winslow.



2 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall  
vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a  
4 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below  
the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,  
6 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings  
and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as  
8 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review  
the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes  
10 are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim  
that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the  
12 Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation; and be it  
further

14 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the  
Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town  
16 and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution  
necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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### SUMMARY

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This resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine that revokes the right of a person convicted of murder or a  
24 Class A, B or C crime to vote.