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House of Representatives, March 14, 2025

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and
Representatives: CARLOW of Buxton, DILL of Old Town, FARRIN of Jefferson,
MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MONTELL of Gardiner, O'HALLORAN of Brewer,
UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

Constitution, Art. IX, Section 26 is enacted to read:

Section 26. State Auditor. The State Auditor must be chosen quadrennially by joint ballot of the Senators and Representatives in convention. Vacancy in the office of State Auditor occurring when the Legislature is not in session may be filled by appointment by the President of the Senate.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date.
Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election held in the month of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to establish the State Auditor as a constitutional officer?"

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

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

SUMMARY

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to establish the State Auditor as a constitutional officer.