MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 89.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE proposing an amendment of the constitution of the state of Maine, relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both houses of the legis-

- 2 lature concurring, That the following be proposed
- 3 as an amendment of the constitution of this state,
- 4 which, when approved and adopted in the manner
- 5 provided by the constitution, shall become a part
- 6 thereof, viz:

7 ARTICLE,

- 8 The manufacture for sale, of intoxicating liquors
- 9 of whatever kind, is, and forever shall be prohib-
- 10 ited, except the manufacture of cider, which is
- 11 remitted to the discretion of the legislature. And
- 12 the sale of intoxicating liquors of whatever kind,
- 13 is, and shall be forever prohibited, except for med-
- 14 ical and mechanical purposes and for the arts,

which shall be provided for by law through suitable agencies appointed for that purpose. The sale
for cider may be permitted under such regulations
as the legislature may provide. And the legislature shall from time to time enact such laws, with
whatever penalties may be deemed necessary for
the entire suppression of the manufacture and sale
into intoxicating liquors, with the exceptions and
conditions herein specified.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen 2 of towns, and the assessors of plantations, in this 3 state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify 4 the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and 5 plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, at 6 their next biennial, in the month of September, 7 eighteen hundred and eighty-two, to give in their 8 votes upon the amendment proposed in the fore-9 going resolve; and the ballots of those in favor of 10 said amendment shall bear the words, "In favor of 11 the amendment prohibiting the manufacture and 12 sale of intoxicating liquors," and the ballots of those 13 opposed to such amendment shall bear the words, 14 "Opposed to the amendment prohibiting the man-15 ufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors;" but bal-16 lots bearing the words "Yes" or "No," shall be re-17 ceived and counted as in favor of or opposed to

18 the proposed amendment. The ballots shall be 19 received, sorted, counted and declared in open 20 ward, town and plantation meeting; and fair lists 21 of the votes shall be made out by the aldermen of 22 cities, selectmen of towns, and assessors of planta-23 tions, and signed by them, and attested by the 24 clerks, and returned to the office of secretary of 25 state within thirty days after the election. And 26 the governor and council shall open, examine and 27 count the same immediately after the expiration of 28 said thirty days; and if it shall appear that a ma-29 jority of the votes cast and returned on the ques-30 tion is in favor of said amendment, it shall then be 31 a part of the constitution, and the governor shall 32 make known the fact by his proclamation.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall pre-2 pare and furnish to the several cities, towns and 3 plantations, blank returns, in conformity with the 4 foregoing resolves, accompanied by a copy thereof.

STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, March 7, 1881.

Reported by Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on Temperance, laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rules.

C. W. TILDEN, Secretary.