

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 1.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES providing for an amendment of the constitution, forever prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and prohibiting their sale except for medicinal and mechanical purposes, and the arts.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the
2 legislature concurring, that the constitution of this
3 state shall be amended by adding to it the follow-
4 ing provision, viz.:

5 The manufacture of intoxicating liquors, of what-
6 ever kind, for sale, is and shall be forever prohib-
7 ited, except the manufacture of cider, which is
8 remitted to the discretion of the legislature. The
9 sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors,
10 of whatever kind, is and shall be forever prohib-
11 ited, except for medicinal and mechanical pur-
12 poses and for the arts, which shall be provided for

13 by law through suitable agencies appointed for
14 that purpose.

15 The sale of cider may be permitted under such
16 regulations as the legislature may provide.

17 The legislature shall from time to time enact
18 such laws, with whatever provisions and penalties
19 that may be deemed necessary for the entire sup-
20 pression of the manufacture and sale of intoxicat-
21 ing liquors, with the exceptions and conditions
22 herein specified.

23 *Resolved*, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen
24 of towns and assessors of plantations in the state,
25 are hereby empowered and directed to notify the
26 inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
27 plantations in the manner prescribed by law, at
28 the September election next ensuing after the
29 passage and approval of these resolves, to give in
30 their votes on the amendment proposed in the
31 foregoing resolve ; and the question shall be :

32 “Shall the constitution be amended so as to pro-
33 hibit forever the manufacture and sale and keeping
34 for sale of intoxicating liquors, except as provided
35 in the terms of the proposed amendment?”

36 And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and
37 plantations shall vote by ballot on said question.

38 The ballot to be employed in said voting shall
39 bear the words, " In favor of the amendment pro-
40 hibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating
41 liquors," or the words, " Opposed to the amend-
42 ment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of
43 intoxicating liquors."

44 But ballots bearing the word " Yes," or the word
45 " No," shall also be received and counted as in
46 favor of, or opposed to the amendment.

47 The ballots so cast and received shall be sorted,
48 counted and declared in open ward, town and
49 plantation meeting, and fair list of the votes shall
50 be made out by the aldermen of cities, selectmen
51 of towns and assessors of plantations, and signed
52 by them and attested by the clerks, and returned
53 to the office of secretary of state within thirty days
54 after the election.

55 And the governor and council shall open, exam-
56 ine and count the same immediately after the
57 expiration of said thirty days; and if it shall appear
58 that a majority of the votes cast and returned on
59 the question is in favor of said amendment, it shall
60 then be a part of the constitution, and the gov-
61 ernor shall make known the fact by his proclama-
62 tion.

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63 *Resolved*, That the secretary of state shall pre-
64 pare and furnish to the several cities, towns and
65 plantations blank returns in conformity with the
66 foregoing resolves, accompanied by a copy thereof.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 9, 1883. }

Presented by Mr. EATON of Camden, and on his motion ordered
printed, and Friday next assigned for further consideration.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*