

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Second Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 195.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE providing for an amendment of the  
Constitution, relative to Salaries of State and  
County Officers.

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*Resolved*, Two-thirds of both house of the Leg-  
2 islature concurring, that the following amendment  
3 to the Constitution of the State be proposed, viz:

### AMENDMENT.

5 No act, or resolve, increasing or diminishing the  
6 compensation of any State or county officer,  
7 except in cases otherwise provided for in the  
8 Constitution, shall take effect during the term of  
9 office for which any such officer is elected.

*Resolved*, That the aldermen of cities, the select-  
11 men of towns, and the assessors of the several  
12 plantations of this State, are hereby empowered  
13 and directed to notify the inhabitants of their

14 respective cities, towns and plantations, in the  
15 manner prescribed by law, at the September elec  
16 tion next ensuing after the passage and approval  
17 of these resolves, to give in their votes upon the  
18 amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution;  
19 and the question so submitted shall be, 'Shall the  
20 constitution be amended as proposed by a resolu-  
21 tion of the Legislature, providing that laws in-  
22 creasing or diminishing the compensation of State  
23 and county officers except in cases not now pro-  
24 vided for in the constitution, shall not take effect  
25 during the term of office for which such officer is  
26 elected?' And the inhabitants of the said cities,  
27 towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said  
28 question, those in favor of said amendment ex-  
29 pressing it by the word 'yes,' upon their ballots,  
30 and those opposed to the amendment expressing it  
31 by the word 'no,' upon their ballots, and the  
32 ballots shall be received, sorted, counted, declared  
33 and recorded in open ward, town and plantation  
34 meeting, and lists of the votes so received shall  
35 be made and returned to the Secretary of State in  
36 the same manner as votes for Governor. And the  
37 Governor and Council shall open, examine and  
38 count the same and make return thereof to the  
39 next Legislature; and if it shall appear that a

40 majority of the votes is in favor of said amend-  
41 ment, the Governor shall by his proclamation  
42 declare such amendment to be adopted, and the  
43 constitution shall be amended accordingly, to take  
44 effect on the first Wednesday of January in the  
45 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
46 eighty-seven.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State shall pre-  
48 pare and furnish to the several cities, towns and  
49 plantations, ballots and blank returns in conformity  
50 to the foregoing resolves, accompanied with a  
51 copy thereof; and that the aldermen of the several  
52 cities, the selectmen of the several towns, and the  
53 assessors of the several plantations, in the State,  
54 shall provide at each polling place a separate box  
55 to receive the ballots of the electors in relation to  
56 the proposed amendment.

**STATE OF MAINE.**

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**IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 28, 1885.**

Reported from Committee on Judiciary by Mr. HEATH; ordered  
printed under joint rule.

**NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.**