

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING THE SESSION

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# Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 210.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE providing for an Educational Qualification of Voters.

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*Resolved*, Two-thirds of both branches of the  
2 legislature concurring, that the constitution of this  
3 State be amended as follows:

‘No person shall have the right to vote or be  
5 eligible to office under the constitution of this  
6 State who shall not be able to read the constitu-  
7 tion in the English language, and write his name;  
8 *provided, however*, that the provisions of this  
9 amendment shall not apply to any person prevented  
10 by a physical disability from complying with its

11 requisitions, nor to any person who now has the  
12 right to vote, nor to any person who shall be sixty  
13 years of age or upwards at the time this amend-  
14 ment shall take effect.'

*Resolved*, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen  
16 of towns and assessors of plantations, in the State,  
17 are hereby empowered and directed to notify the  
18 inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and  
19 plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, at  
20 the annual meeting in Sep'ember, 1892, to give in  
21 their votes upon the amendment proposed in the  
22 foregoing resolve; and the question shall be:  
23 " Shall the constitution be so amended as to change  
24 the qualification of voters as proposed in said  
25 resolve?" and the inhabitants of said cities, towns  
26 and plantations shall vote by ballot on said ques-  
27 tion, those in favor of said amendment voting  
28 " Yes " and those opposed voting " No " upon their  
29 ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted  
30 and counted and declared in open ward, town and  
31 plantation meeting, and fair lists of the votes shall  
32 be made out by the aldermen of cities, selectmen of  
33 towns and assessors of plantations, and signed by  
34 them, and attested by the clerk, and returned to  
35 the office of the secretary of State, in the same  
36 manner as votes for representatives; and the gov-

37 ernor and council shall open and 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 cast and returned on the  
41 question is in favor of said amendment, the consti-  
42 tution shall be amended accordingly, and the  
43 amendment shall then be a part of the constitution,  
44 and the governor shall make known the fact by his  
45 proclamation.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of State shall pre-  
47 pare and furnish to the several cities, towns and  
48 plantations, blank returns in conformity with the  
49 foregoing resolves, accompanied by a copy thereof.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 18, 1891.

Reported by Mr. HAINES, from Committee on Legal Affairs, and  
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*