

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 719

House of Representatives, April 3, 1913.

*Tabled pending reference to a committee, by Mr. Clark of
Portland, and ordered printed.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE providing for an amendment to the Constitution
relating to the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

*Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature
2 concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitu-
3 tion of the State be proposed, viz: The Twenty-sixth
4 Amendment to the Constitution adopted the 8th day of
5 September, A. D. 1884, relating to the manufacture and
6 sale of intoxicating liquors is hereby amended by adding
7 thereto the following words:*

*'This section shall not apply to cities in which the manu-
9 facture, sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors
10 may be permitted under such regulations as the Legislature
11 shall provide and whenever fifty-one per cent of the legal
12 voters in any town petition the Legislature to grant to said
13 town the right herein granted to cities, such right may in*

14 its discretion be granted. But in no case shall the Legis-
15 lature permit the manufacture, sale or keeping for sale of
16 intoxicating liquors in any city or town without making
17 such permission conditional upon its approval by the voters
18 of said city or town, which approval must be expressed
19 annually at the regular municipal election held in said city
20 or town. The word "town" in this section shall not be con-
21 strued to include plantations.'

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
23 towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this
24 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the in-
25 habitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations
26 in the manner prescribed by law, to vote at a state election
27 meeting to be held on the second Monday in September in
28 the year 1913 upon the amendment proposed in the fore-
29 going resolution and the question shall be "Shall the con-
30 stitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the
31 Legislature, providing a method of controlling the manu-
32 facture and sale of intoxicating liquors?" And the inhab-
33 itants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by bal-
34 lot on said questions, those favoring the amendment voting
35 "Yes" and those opposing voting "No" on their ballots, and
36 the ballots shall be assorted, counted and declared in open
37 ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to
38 the office of secretary of state in the same manner as votes
39 for Governor and members of the Legislature. And the
40 Governor and Council shall count the same and make return

41 to the next Legislature and if it shall appear that a major-
42 ity of the votes are in favor of the amendment, the Con-
43 stitution shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and
45 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots
46 and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve
47 accompanied by a copy thereof.