

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 10

House of Representatives, January 16, 1919.

On motion of Mr. Barnes of Houlton order 1500 copies be printed instead of 500 and referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Holley of North Anson.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

RESOLVE, Proposing and amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine empowering the Legislature to authorize towns to divide into voting districts for purposes of holding elections.

Resolved: Two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine be proposed:

Section sixteen of article nine is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

‘Sect. 16. The Legislature may by law authorize the dividing of towns into voting districts for all State and national elections, and prescribe the manner in which the vote shall be received, counted, and the result of the election declared.’

Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of the several plantations in this State, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, on the second Monday in September following the passage of this resolve, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be: “Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature granting to the Legislature power to authorize the division of towns into more than one election district for the purpose of holding State and national elections?”

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment expressing it by the word “Yes” upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment by the word “No” upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted, and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of the secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and members of the Legislature; and the Governor and Council shall

10 count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of
11 the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the
12 amendment, the same shall thereupon become a part of the
13 Constitution, and the Governor shall forthwith make known
14 the fact by his proclamation.

Resolved, that the secretary of State shall prepare and fur-
2 nish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and
3 blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolves ac-
4 companied by a copy thereof.