

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 98

House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Conary from Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed under joint rules.

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 an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine Empowering the Legislature to Authorize Towns to have more than One Voting Place.

Resolved: Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature
2 concurring, that the following amendment to the constitu-
3 tion of the State of Maine be proposed:

Section sixteen of article nine is hereby amended by strik-
2 ing out all of said section and substituting in place thereof
3 the following:

'Sect. 16. The legislature may by law authorize the divid-
2 ing of towns into voting districts for all state and national

3 elections, and prescribe the manner in which the vote shall
4 be received, counted, and the result of the election declared.'

Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
2 towns, and the assessors of the several plantations in this
3 state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the in-
4 habitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to
5 meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding
6 biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of
7 senators and representatives, on the second Monday in
8 September following the passage of this resolve, to give in
9 their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing
10 resolution, and the question shall be: "Shall the constitu-
11 tion be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legisla-
12 ture granting to the legislature power to authorize the di-
13 vision of towns into more than one election district for the
14 purpose of holding state and national elections."

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations
2 shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the
3 amendment expressing it by the word "yes" upon their bal-
4 lots and those opposed to the amendment by the word "no"
5 upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted,
6 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation
7 meetings, and returns made to the office of the secretary of
8 state in the same manner as votes for governor and
9 members of the legislature; and the governor and
10 council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a
11 majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in

12 favor of the amendment, the same shall thereupon become
13 a part of the constitution, and the governor shall forthwith
14 make known 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
4 accompanied by a copy thereof.