

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 166

House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cowan of Winterport.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, proposing an amendment to section one of article two of the constitution of the State of Maine, providing for the continuation of the right of suffrage to a person otherwise qualified to vote for Governor, Senators and Representatives in this State, in the town or plantation where his residence for suffrage purposes has been established, for a period of three months after his removal therefrom to another town or plantation within this State.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature
2 concurring, that the following amendment to the consti-
3 tution of the state of Maine be proposed:

Section one of article two is hereby amended by inserting

2 after the word "established" in the sixth line of said section,
3 the following words, 'and he shall continue to be an elector
4 in such town or plantation for the period of three months
5 after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this
6 state during said period;,' so that said section, as amended,
7 shall read as follows:

'Section 1. Every male citizen of the United States of
2 the age of twenty-one years and upwards, excepting pau-
3 pers, persons under guardianship, and Indians not taxed,
4 having his residence established in this state for the term
5 of three months next preceding any election, shall be an
6 elector for governor, senators and representatives, in the
7 town or plantation where his residence is so established,
8 and he shall continue to be an elector in such town or plan-
9 tation for the period of three months after his removal
10 therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during said
11 period; and the elections shall be by written ballot. But
12 persons in the military, naval or marine service of the
13 United States, or this state, shall not be considered as hav-
14 ing obtained such established residence by being stationed
15 in any garrison, barrack, or military place, in any town or
16 plantation; nor shall the residence of a student at any sem-
17 inary of learning entitle him to the right of suffrage in the
18 town or plantation where such seminary is established. No
19 person, however, shall be deemed to have lost his residence
20 by reason of his absence from the state in the military
21 service of the United States, or of this state.'

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
5 to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and
6 holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the elec-
7 tion of senators and representatives, on the second Monday
8 in September following the passing of this resolve, to give
9 in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the fore-
10 going resolution, and the question shall be: Shall the con-
11 stitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the
12 legislature providing for the continuation of the right of
13 suffrage to a person otherwise qualified to vote for gov-
14 ernor, senators and representatives, in this state, in the
15 town or plantation where his residence for suffrage pur-
16 poses has been established, for a period of three months
17 after his removal therefrom to another town or plantation
18 within this state.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and
2 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots
3 and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolves,
4 accompanied by a copy thereof.