

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 314

House of Representatives, February 28, 1919.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Pike of Eastport.

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, Providing for Holding the Biennial State Election on Tuesday Next After the First Monday in November.

Resolved: Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature
2 concurring, that the following amendment to the constitu-
3 tion be proposed for the action of the legal voters of the
4 state in the manner provided by the constitution, to wit: .

“Section 1. Beginning in the year one thousand nine hun-
2 dred and twenty, the biennial election for governor, sena-
3 tors and representatives in the legislature, and representa-
4 tives in congress, and all other state and county officers now

5 elected, whenever required by law, on the second Monday
6 of September, shall be held on Tuesday next after the first
7 Monday in November.”

Section seven of article six is hereby amended by substi-
2 tuting for the word “September” in the seventh line of said
3 section seven the words ‘biennial state’.

“Sect. 2. Citizens of the state absent therefrom in the
2 military service of the United States, or of this state and
3 not in the regular army of the United States, being other-
4 wise qualified electors shall be allowed to vote for gover-
5 nor, senators, representatives, judges and registers of pro-
6 bate, sheriffs and all other county officers on Tuesday next
7 after the first Monday in November biennially in the man-
8 ner now provided by law.”

“Sect. 3. Section twenty of part three of article four as
2 set forth in article thirty-one of the amendments to the
3 constitution is hereby amended by substituting for the
4 word ‘September’ in the fifth line of said section twenty
5 the words ‘biennial state.’”

“Sect. 4. Section two of article ten as amended by the
2 resolve of the fifty-eighth legislature, passed March four,
3 eighteen hundred and seventy-nine and adopted September
4 eight, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, as amended by
5 the resolve of the seventy-third legislature, passed March
6 twenty-eight, nineteen hundred and seven, and adopted
7 September fourteen, nineteen hundred and eight, and as
8 further amended by a resolve of the seventy-sixth legisla-

9 ture, adopted September eight, nineteen hundred and thir-
10 teen, is hereby further amended by substituting for the
11 word 'September' in the seventh line of said section two
12 the word 'November', also by substituting in the tenth line
13 of said section two for the words 'second Monday in Sep-
14 tember' the words 'Tuesday next after the first Monday
15 in November,'” so that said section two as amended
16 shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 2. The legislature, whenever two-thirds of both
2 houses shall deem it necessary, may propose amendments
3 to this constitution; and, when any amendments shall be
4 so agreed upon, a resolution shall be passed and sent to
5 the selectmen of the several towns, and the assessors of the
6 several plantations, empowering and directing them to noti-
7 fy the inhabitants of their respective towns and plantations
8 in the manner prescribed by law at the next biennial meet-
9 ings in the month of November or to meet in the manner
10 prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meet-
11 ings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and
12 representatives, on the Tuesday next after the first Mon-
13 day in November following the passage of said resolve, to
14 give in their votes on the question, whether such amend-
15 ments shall be made; and if it shall appear that a majority
16 of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of
17 such amendment, it shall become a part of this consti-
18 tution.’

Resolved, That all the foregoing is proposed to be voted

2 on as one amendment and not as two or more several
3 amendments.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
2 towns and the assessors of plantations in this state are here-
3 by empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of
4 their respective cities, towns and plantations in the man-
5 ner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meet-
6 ings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and
7 representatives to meet on the second Monday in Septem-
8 ber following the passage of this resolve to give in their
9 votes on the foregoing proposed amendment and the ques-
10 tion shall be, "Shall the constitution be amended as pro-
11 posed by a resolution of the legislature providing for hold-
12 ing the biennial state election on Tuesday next after the
13 first Monday in November", and the inhabitants of said
14 cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said
15 question, those favoring the amendment voting "Yes" and
16 those opposing it voting "No" upon their ballots; and the
17 ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in
18 open ward, town and plantation meetings and lists of the
19 votes so received shall be made and returned to the office
20 of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for
21 governor and members of the legislature, and the governor
22 and council shall count the same and make return to the
23 next legislature and if it shall appear that a majority of the
24 votes are in favor of the amendment, the constitution shall

25 be amended accordingly, and the governor shall forthwith
26 make known the fact by his proclamation.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall seasonably for-
2 ward to the respective city, town and plantation clerks, a
3 copy of this resolve, and shall also prepare and furnish to
4 the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blanks
5 for returns in conformity to the foregoing resolve.