

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 33

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In Senate, Jan. 24, 1919.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Judiciary and on motion by Senator Thornton of Aroostook laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Holley of Anson.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine providing for the Election of State Treasurer by Direct Vote of the People.

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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 one of part four of article five is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Section 1. The treasurer shall be elected by the electors

2 of the State qualified to vote for governor, biennially, on  
3 the second Monday of September; he shall hold his office  
4 for two years from the first day of January next succeeding  
5 his election. The meetings for election of treasurer shall  
6 be notified, held and regulated, and votes shall be received,  
7 sorted, counted, declared and recorded, in the same manner  
8 as those for senators and representatives. In case a va-  
9 cancy occurs, the governor, by and with the advice and con-  
10 sent of the council, may appoint a person to fill said vacancy  
11 for the unexpired term.'

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 hold-  
6 ing biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of  
7 senators and representatives, on the second Monday of  
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 providing for the election of the treasurer by direct  
13 vote of the people."

And the inhabitants of the said cities, towns and planta-  
2 tions shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of  
3 the amendment expressing it by the word "yes" upon their  
4 ballots and those opposed to the amendment by the word

5 "no" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received,  
6 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plan-  
7 tation meetings, and returns made to the office of the sec-  
8 retary of state in the same manner as voted for governor  
9 and 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 a  
13 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  
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