

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**H. P. No. 1241**

**H. D. No. 465**

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House of Representatives, March 26, 1925.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Portland, 1000 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Stitham of Pittsfield.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

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RESOLVE, to Amend Article Eight of the Constitution of the  
State of Maine, Referring to Education.

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*Resolved:* Two-thirds of the Legislature concurring, that  
2 the following amendment to the Constitution of this State,  
3 be proposed for the action of the legal voters; to-wit, by  
4 amending article eight of the Constitution of the State of  
5 Maine by striking out all after the word "schools" in the  
6 fifth line thereof, and inserting the following:

'Sect. 2. In order to conserve the general welfare, all  
2 moneys raised by the state or any political division thereof,  
3 for the purpose of education, shall, except as herein pro-  
4 vided, be applied to and expended for schools under the

5 management and control of the public school officials only,  
6 and subject to the superintendence of the State Commis-  
7 sioner of Education as directed by law. The State and its  
8 political subdivisions, may, however, make appropriations  
9 of public moneys in aid of private schools of a secondary  
10 nature, located in towns having no free public high schools  
11 or used by other towns having no free public high schools,  
12 when any such secondary school bears contract relations  
13 with any town for the education of the youth of that town  
14 and when the superintending school committees of towns  
15 contracting with such school form with no more than an  
16 equal number of trustees of such school, a joint board for  
17 the direction of the course of the study and employment of  
18 teachers, and subject likewise to the regulations of the State  
19 Commissioner of Education as to the curriculum and em-  
20 ployment of teachers as determined by law.

The legislature are further authorized and they may make  
2 grants and appropriations of money in aid of colleges and  
3 other institutions of higher learning within the state,' so  
4 that the article shall read as follows:

'Section 1. A general diffusion of the advantages of edu-  
2 cation being essential to the preservation of the rights and  
3 liberties of the people; to promote this important object, the  
4 legislature are authorized, and it shall be their duty to re-  
5 quire, the several towns to make suitable provision, at their  
6 own expense, for the support and maintenance of public  
7 schools.

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FORM OF QUESTION AND DATE WHEN  
AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON.

*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 in  
5 the manner prescribed by law, to give in their votes at a  
6 special election to be held on the second Monday of Septem-  
7 ber A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-five upon the amend-  
8 ment proposed in the following resolution, and the question  
9 shall be, "Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by  
10 the resolution of the legislature prohibiting the use of public  
11 funds for private schools?"

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  
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 votes for governor  
9 and members of the legislature, and the governor and coun-  
10 cil shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority  
11 of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of  
12 the amendment, it shall thereupon become a part of the  
13 constitution and the Governor shall forthwith make known  
14 the fact by his proclamation.

BALLOTS TO BE PREPARED BY SECRETARY OF  
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.