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RESOLVES

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Chapter 24.

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Article Seven of the Constitution, Relating to Military.

Proposed constitutional amendment to Article VII. Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that article seven of the constitution be amended by striking out all of sections one, two, three, four and five of said article and substituting therefor the following sections:

Sec. 1. Commissioned officers to be appointed instead of elected. All commissioned officers of the militia shall be appointed and commissioned by the governor, from such persons as are qualified by law to hold such offices.

Sec. 2. Legislature to prescribe mode of selection. The legislature shall, by law, designate the qualifications necessary for holding a commission in the militia and shall prescribe the mode of selection of officers for the several grades.

Sec. 3. Provision as to selection of certain officers by legislature eliminated. The adjutant general shall be appointed by the governor. But the adjutant general shall also perform the duties of quartermaster general and paymaster general until otherwise directed by law.

Sec. 4. Organization to be that prescribed by U. S.; governor to issue orders and promulgate regulations. The organization, armament and discipline of the militia and of the military and naval units thereof shall be the same as that which is now or may hereafter be prescribed by the laws and regulations of the United States; and it shall be the duty of the governor to issue from time to time such orders and regulations and to adopt such other means of administration, as shall maintain the prescribed standard of organization, armament and discipline; and such orders, regulations and means adopted shall have the full force and effect of the law.

Sec. 5. Exemptions. Persons of the denominations of quakers and shakers, justices of the supreme judicial court, ministers of the gospel and persons exempted by the laws of the United States may be exempted from military duty, but no other able-bodied person of the age of eighteen and under the age of forty-five years, excepting officers of the militia who have been honorably discharged, shall be so exempted unless he shall pay an equivalent to be fixed by law.'

Form of question and date of election for approval. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of the several plantations in this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial

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meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, on the second Monday in September following the passage of this resolve, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be: "Shall article seven of the constitution relating to military be amended as proposed by a resolve of the legislature?"

Date when effective. And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment expressing it by the word "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment by the word "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, it shall thereupon become a part of the constitution, and the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation.

Copy of resolve to be sent to municipalities. Resolved: That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved March 8, 1919.

Chapter 25.

Resolve, in Favor of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians to Aid in the Purchase of a Hearse.

Penobscot Indians, purchase of hearse. Resolved: That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated toward the purchase of a hearse for the Penobscot tribe of Indians, Indian Island, Old Town, Maine, said sum to be paid over to, and expended under the direction of Indian agent of Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Approved March 8, 1919.

Chapter 26.

Resolve, in Favor of Ida E. Heath of Chelsea, Maine, as Additional Compensation for Death of Husband.

Ida E. Heath, Chelsea, damages resulting from death of husband. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated to be paid to Ida E. Heath of Chelsea, Maine, widow of Orrin E. Heath of Chelsea, deceased, the sum of six hundred dollars as additional compensation for the death