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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVES
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Chapter 74

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Convening of the Legislature at Such Times as the Legislature Deems Necessary.

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of this State be proposed:

Constitution, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1, amended. Section 1 of Part Third of Article IV of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. To meet biennially. The Legislature shall convene on the first Wednesday of January biennially and at such other times on the call of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, with the consent of a majority of the members of the Legislature of each political party, all members of the Legislature having been first polled and, with the exceptions hereinafter stated, shall have full power to make and establish all reasonable laws and regulations for the defense and benefit of the people of this State, not repugnant to this Constitution, nor to that of the United States.

Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are 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 meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives at the next general election in the month of November, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

“Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature Providing for Convening of the Legislature at Such Times as the Legislature Deems Necessary?”

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, and shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words “Yes” or “No” their opinion of the same. 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 review the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment shall thereupon, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. 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.

Effective October 1, 1969

Chapter 75

RESOLVE, Ratifying Certain Conveyances to the United States Government Made by the Governor and Council.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the Governor and Council of the State of Maine, by virtue of an executive order, did authorize and order certain lots or parcels of land, totalling 19 acres, in South Portland, Maine to be conveyed to the United States of America; and

Whereas, in accordance with such executive order on December 12, 1941, the State of Maine, by Sumner Sewall, its Governor, and G. Cony Weston, Chairman of the Governor's Council, did execute a warranty deed on behalf of the State of Maine conveying said 19 acres of property in South Portland, Maine to the United States of America, which has been in possession of said property ever since that date; and

Whereas, general statutes of the State of Maine limit the authority of the Governor and the Council to convey property to the United States of America in an amount not to exceed 10 acres; and

Whereas, it is the purpose of this resolve to ratify and confirm the aforesaid prior conveyances made by the Governor and Council; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it