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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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**CONSTITUTIONAL
RESOLUTIONS**

OF THE

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AS PASSED AT THE

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1991

CHAPTER 2

S.P. 42 - L.D. 66

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide State Funding of any Mandate Imposed on Municipalities

Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED:

Two thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

Constitution, Art. IX, §21 is enacted to read:

Section 21. State mandates. For the purpose of more fairly apportioning the cost of government and providing local property tax relief, the State may not require a local unit of government to expand or modify that unit's activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues unless the State provides annually 90% of the funding for these expenditures from State funds not previously appropriated to that local unit of government. Legislation implementing this section or requiring a specific expenditure as an exception to this requirement may be enacted upon the votes of 2/3 of all members elected to each House. This section must be liberally construed.

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Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved:

That the city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a general election, at the next general election in the month of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

“Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to require the State to fund any state mandates imposed upon a municipality by statute, by executive order or by rule?”

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word “Yes” or “No.” The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal voters are in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

CHAPTER 3

H.P. 1478 - L.D. 2090

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Clarify Succession to the Positions of Treasurer of State and Secretary of State

Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED:

Two thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

Constitution, Art. V, Part Second, §1-A is enacted to read:

Section 1-A. Succession to the office of Secretary of State. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Secretary of State, the first deputy secretary of state shall act as the Secretary of State until a Secretary of State is elected by the Legislature during the current session if in session, or at the next regular or special session.

Constitution, Art. V, Part Third, §1-A is enacted to read:

Section 1-A. Succession to the office of Treasurer. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Treasurer of State, the deputy treasurer of state shall act as the Treasurer of State until a Treasurer of State is elected by the Legislature during the current session if in session, or at the next regular or special session.

; and be it further

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved:

That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a general election, at the next general election in the month of November following passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

“Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow the deputy treasurer of state to fill the vacant position of Treasurer of State and the first deputy secretary of state to fill the vacant position of Secretary of State until the Legislature elects a