

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

**A. D. 1833.**

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**STATE OF MAINE.**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
*February 19, 1833.* }

The Joint Select Committee to whom were referred an order directing them to inquire into the expediency of recommending an alteration in the fourth section of the sixth article of the Constitution of this State, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the Resolves, which are herewith submitted.

**JOHN D. M'CRATE, *Per Order.***

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**STATE OF MAINE.**

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND THIRTY-THREE.**

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**RESOLVE** proposing an Amendment of the  
Constitution of the State.

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*Resolved*, two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature concurring, That the Constitution of the State be amended by striking out the fourth section of the sixth article thereof, and substituting in room thereof the words following: viz. “ Sec. 4. All judicial officers, except Justices of the Peace, shall hold their offices for the term of                      years and no longer, unless reappointed thereto.”

*Resolved*, That the Selectmen of the several Towns, Assessors of the several Plantations, and Aldermen of the City of Portland, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of

said Towns, Plantations and City, in the manner prescribed by law, at their next annual meeting in September, to give in their votes upon the following question: viz. “ Shall the Constitution of the State be so amended as to strike out the fourth section of the sixth article, and substitute in room thereof the words following: viz. ‘ Sec. 4. All judicial officers, except Justices of the Peace, shall hold their offices for the term of                    years, and no longer, unless reappointed thereto.’?”

*Resolved*, That the inhabitants of said Towns, Plantations and City shall vote by ballot upon said question, those in favor of said amendment expressing it by the word *Yes* upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amendment expressing it by the word *No* upon their ballots.

*Resolved*, That the Selectmen, Assessors and Aldermen shall preside at said meetings, receive, count and declare the votes in open meeting; and the Clerks of said Towns, Plantations and City shall make a record of said proceedings and of the number of votes, in the presence of the Selectmen, Assessors and Aldermen aforesaid, and transmit a true and attested copy of said record, sealed up, to the Secretary of State, and cause the same to be

delivered to said Secretary on or before the first Wednesday of January next.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State shall cause this Resolve to be published in all the newspapers printed in the State, for three months at least before the second Monday of September next; and also cause copies thereof, with a suitable form of a return, to be sent forthwith to the Selectmen of all the Towns, and to the Assessors of all the Plantations in the State, and to the Aldermen of the City of Portland. And said Secretary shall, as early as may be, in the next session of the Legislature, lay all said returns before said Legislature, with an abstract thereof, showing the number and state of the votes.

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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
 February 18, 1833. }

ORDERED, That three hundred copies of the foregoing Report and Resolve be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest:

ASAPH R. NICHOLS, *Clerk*.