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NO. 19.

HOUSE.

RESOLVE

TO AMEND

THE CONSTITUTION.

[SMITH & ROBINSON,.....Printers to the State.]



STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE to amend the Constitution, relative to the time of holding the annual State elections, and the sitting of the Legislature.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That the first section of the third part of the fourth article of the Constitution, which provides, that the Legislature shall convene on the first Wednesday of January annually, shall be so altered and amended, that the future sessions of the Legislature shall be held on the first Wednesday of September annually, from and after the first Wednesday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one; and that the fourth section of the second article of the Constitution, which provides, "that the election of Governor, Senators, and Representatives, shall be on the second Monday of September annually forever," shall be so altered

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17 and amended, that said election shall be held
18 on the first Monday in May annually, from and
19 after the first Monday of May, in the year of
20 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty
21 one. *Provided*, that a majority of the inhab-
22 itants of this State, who are constitutionally
23 qualified to vote for State officers, shall at their
24 next annual meeting, on the second Monday of
25 September next, decide in favor of such amend-
26 ments.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Se-
2 lectmen of the several towns, Aldermen of cities,
3 and Assessors of plantations, in this State, to
4 insert an article in their warrants respectively,
5 in which the annual meetings in September
6 next, shall be notified and called, to require the
7 inhabitants constitutionally qualified to vote as
8 aforesaid, to give in their votes on the question,
9 whether the proposed amendments to the Con-
10 stitution shall be made. And it shall be the
11 duty of said Selectmen, Aldermen, and Asses-
12 sors to receive the votes of said inhabitants in
13 such manner as a majority thereof shall decide;
14 and it shall be the duty of the Clerks of the

15 towns, cities, and plantations respectively, to
16 make a true record of the votes so received and
17 counted, and to make a fair copy of the same,
18 which shall be duly attested by the said Select-
19 men and Clerks of towns, Aldermen and Clerks
20 of cities, and Assessors and Clerks of planta-
21 tions, and sealed up in open meeting; and the
22 town, city, and plantation Clerks respectively,
23 shall cause the same to be delivered into the
24 Secretary of State's office, twenty days at least
25 before the first Wednesday of January, in the
26 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
27 and forty, for the purpose of being laid before
28 the Legislature; and if it shall be found that a
29 majority of the votes so returned shall be in favor
30 of the amendments, proposed as aforesaid, said
31 amendments shall be considered as adopted,
32 and shall form a part of the Constitution of
33 this State.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State shall
2 cause this Resolve to be published in all the
3 newspapers printed in this State, for three
4 weeks at least before the second Monday of
5 September next, and also cause copies thereof,
6 with a suitable form of return, to be sent forth-

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7 with to the Selectmen of all the towns, to the
8 Assessors of all the plantations, and to the Al-
9 dermen of the cities, in this State. And said
10 Secretary shall, as early as may be in the next
11 session of the Legislature, lay all said returns
12 before said Legislature, with an abstract thereof
13 showing the number and state of the votes.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 5, 1839. }

**This Resolve was read once, laid on the table, and 300
copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.**

CHARLES WATERHOUSE, *Clerk.*