

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSIONS

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TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

NO. 4.]

[SENATE.

RESOLVE

TO AMEND

THE CONSTITUTION.

[WM. R. SMITH & Co.....Printers to the State.]



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 20, 1842.

RESOLVED, That section 2d, article 4th, part 1st, of the
2 constitution, shall be amended by striking out the follow-
3 ing words and sentences, to wit: "The Legislature
4 which shall be first convened under this constitution
5 shall, on or before the fifteenth day of August in the
6 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty
7 one, and the Legislature at every subsequent period of
8 ten years, cause the State to be divided into districts for
9 choice of Senators. The districts shall conform as near
10 as may be to County lines, and be apportioned according
11 to the number of inhabitants," and substituting the fol-
12 lowing words and sentences:—" *The Legislature in the*
13 *year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty*
14 *three, and in the year one thousand eight hundred and*
15 *fifty one, and at every subsequent period of ten years*
16 *from the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one,*
17 *shall cause the State to be divided into districts for Sen-*
18 *ators. Each Senate district shall contain as near as may*
19 *be an equal number of inhabitants, and shall at all times*

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20 *consist of contiguous territory, and no County shall be*
21 *divided in the formation of a Senate district."*

RESOLVED, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen of
2 the several towns, and assessors of the several plantations,
3 are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabit-
4 ants of their respective cities, towns and plantations, in
5 the manner prescribed by law, at the annual meeting in
6 September next, to give in their votes upon the amend-
7 ment proposed in the above Resolve, and the question
8 shall be submitted as follows: "*Shall the constitution be*
9 *amended by adopting the first Resolve for the amend-*
10 *ment of the constitution, passed by the Legislature,*
11 *proposing to apportion the Senate in the year of our*
12 *Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and*
13 *in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one,*
14 *and at every subsequent period of ten years from the year*
15 *one thousand eight hundred and fifty one; and provid-*
16 *ing that the Senate districts shall contain as near as may*
17 *be an equal number of inhabitants, and at all times con-*
18 *sist of contiguous territory, and that no County shall be*
19 *divided in the formation of a Senate district?"*

And the votes shall be by written or printed ballot,
2 and those in favor of said amendment voting "Yes,"
3 and those opposed voting "No," upon the amendment
4 aforesaid, and said votes shall be received, sorted, counted,
5 recorded, declared, attested, sealed up and returned to
6 the office of Secretary of State, and in the same manner

7 as votes given for Senators. And the Governor and
8 Council shall open and count the same, and make report
9 thereof to the next Legislature the first week of its
10 session.

And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to
2 furnish blank returns to the several cities, towns and
3 organized plantations for the above named purpose.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 20, 1842.

Read and referred, and 300 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

(Extract from the Journal.)

Attest,

JERE HASKELL, *Secretary.*