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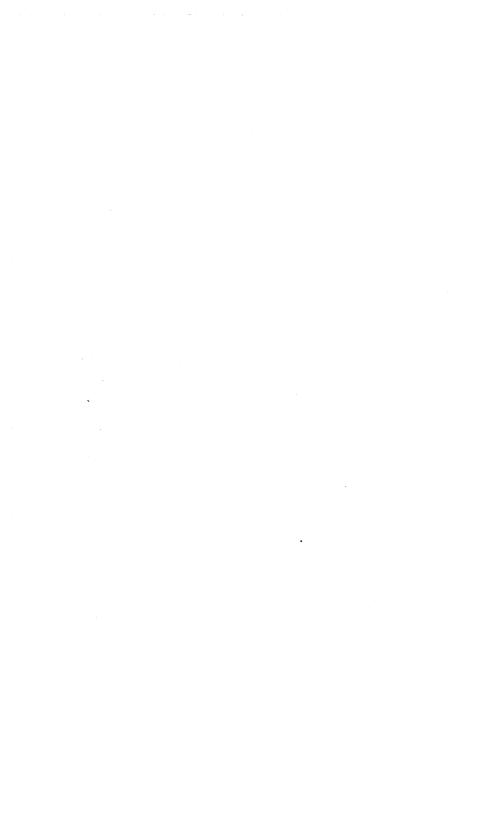
[SENATE.

RESOLVE

TO AMEND

THE CONSTITUTION.

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The joint select committee on changing the time of meeting of the Legislature, to whom was recommitted their Report of February 1st, with instructions to report a Resolve, ask leave to

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the accompanying Resolves, as directed by said committee. All which is respectfully submitted.

SOLOMON BROOKS, Chairman.



RESOLVES to amend the Constitution relative to the time of holding the annual sessions of the Legislature, and the time of holding the annual elections.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Represen-2 tatives in Legislature assembled, That the first section 3 of the third part of the fourth article of the Constitu-4 tion which provides "that the Legislature shall con-5 vene on the first Wednesday of January annually," 6 shall be so altered and amended that the future ses-7 sions of the Legislature shall be held on the first 8 Wednesday of June annually, on and after the first 9 Wednesday of June, in the year of our Lord one 10 thousand eight hundred and forty-five. And the 11 fourth section of the second article in the Constitu-12 tion, which provides that the election of governor, 13 senators and representatives "shall be on the second 14 Monday of September annually, forever," shall be so 15 altered and amended that said election shall be held 16 on the second Tuesday of February annually, on and 17 after the second Tuesday of February, which will be 18 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred 19 and forty-five. Provided that a majority of the inhab-

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20 itants of this State who are constitutionally qualified

21 to vote for State officers, shall at the annual meeting

22 to be held on the second Monday of September next

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the aldermen,

23 decide in favor of such amendments.

2 selectmen and assessors of the several cities, towns 3 and plantations in this State to insert an article in 4 their warrants respectively, by which the annual 5 meetings in September next shall be notified and 6 called, to require the inhabitants constitutionally qual-7 ified to vote as aforesaid, to give in their votes on the 8 question, whether the proposed amendments to the 9 Constitution shall be made. And it shall be the duty 10 of the said aldermen, selectmen and assessors to re-11 ceive the votes of said inhabitants in such manner as 12 a majority thereof shall direct, and it shall be the duty 13 of the clerks of the said cities, towns and plantations 14 respectively to make a true record of the votes so 15 received and counted, and to make a fair copy of the 16 same which shall be duly attested by the said alder-17 men and clerks of cities, and selectmen and clerks of 18 towns, and the assessors and clerks of plantations and 19 sealed up in open town meeting, and the clerks of 20 the several cities, towns and plantations respectively, 21 shall cause the same to be delivered into the office of 22 the Secretary of State twenty days at least before the 23 first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord 24 one thousand eight hundred and forty-four. 25 Secretary of State shall lay the same before the Leg-

- 26 islature; and if it shall be found that a majority of 27 the votes so returned shall be in favor of the amend-
- 28 ments proposed as aforesaid, said amendments shall
- 29 then be considered as adopted and shall form a part
- 30 of the Constitution of this State.



The undersigned, members of the joint select committee on changing the time of meeting of the Legislature, to whom was recommitted the report of said committee, with instructions to report a resolve, disagreeing from the majority of the committee as to the necessity and expediency of changing the time of holding the annual election, and also the most suitable time for the Legislature to convene, ask leave to

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the following resolves, as a substitute for the resolves reported by the direction of the majority of the committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SOLOMON BROOKS, SAMUEL MILDRAM, NOAH PRINCE, DANIEL MERRITT, WILLIAM PAINE, B. B. LEAVITT, WM. O. GRANT, NATHAN KNIGHT, JOHN W. DANA.

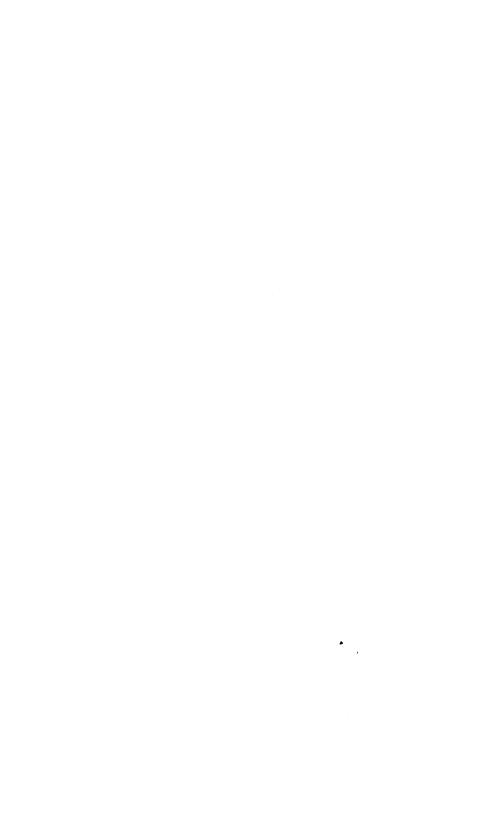


Resolved, by the Senate and House of Represen2 tatives in Legislature assembled, That the first section
3 of the third part of the fourth article of the constitu4 tion, which provides that the Legislature shall con5 vene on the first Wednesday of January annually,
6 shall be so altered and amended that the Legislature
7 shall convene on the second Wednesday of May, an8 nually, on and after the second Wednesday of May,
9 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
10 and forty five. Provided, that a majority of the in11 habitants of this State, who are constitutionally enti12 tled to vote for State officers, shall at the annual
13 meeting to be held on the second Monday of Septem14 ber next, decide in favor of such amendment.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the aldermen, 2 selectmen and assessors of the several cities, towns 3 and plantations in this State, to insert an article in 4 their warrants, respectively, by which the annual meet-5 ings in September next shall be notified and called, to 6 require the inhabitants constitutionally qualified to 7 vote as aforesaid, to give in their votes on the ques-8 tion, whether the proposed amendment to the constiguition shall be made. And it shall be the duty of the

12 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

10 said aldermen, selectmen and assessors to receive the 11 votes of said inhabitants in such manner as a majority 12 thereof shall direct, and it shall be the duty of the 13 clerks of the said cities, towns and plantations respect-14 ively to make a true record of the votes so received 15 and counted and to make a true copy of the same 16 which shall be duly attested by the said aldermen and 17 clerks of cities, selectmen and clerks of towns and the 18 assessors and clerks of plantations and sealed up in 19 open town meeting, and the clerks of the several cit-20 ies, towns and plantations respectively, shall cause the 21 same to be delivered into the office of the secretary 22 of State twenty days at least before the first Wednes-23 day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand 24 eight hundred and forty four. And the secretary of 25 State shall lay the same before the Legislature and if 26 it shall be found that a majority of the votes so re-27 turned shall be in favor of the amendment proposed 28 as aforesaid, said amendment shall then be considered 29 as adopted and shall form a part of the constitution of 30 this State.



In Senate, February 11, 1843.

ORDERED, That 300 copies of the foregoing Reports and Resolves, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

ATTEST:

JERE HASKELL, Secretary.