

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

No. 28.]

[SENATE.

RESOLVE

TO AMEND

THE CONSTITUTION.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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

REPORT

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

SOLOMON BROOKS, *Chairman.*

STATE OF MAINE.

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 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 June annually, on and after the first Wednesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. And the fourth section of the second article in 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 and amended that said election shall be held on the second Tuesday of February annually, on and after the second Tuesday of February, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred 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
23 decide in favor of such amendments.

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
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. And the
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.

STATE OF MAINE.

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.

STATE OF MAINE.

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 Legislature shall convene on the second Wednesday of May, annually, on and after the second Wednesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. *Provided*, that a majority of the inhabitants of this State, who are constitutionally entitled to vote for State officers, shall at the annual meeting to be held on the second Monday of September next, decide in favor of such amendment.

RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the aldermen, selectmen and assessors of the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, to insert an article in their warrants, respectively, by which the annual meetings in September next shall be notified and called, to require the inhabitants constitutionally qualified to vote as aforesaid, to give in their votes on the question, whether the proposed amendment to the constitution shall be made. And it shall be the duty of the

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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.

STATE OF MAINE.

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.*