

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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[HOUSE.

RESOLVES

PROVIDING FOR THE CHOICE OF

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

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STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES providing for the choice of electors of
President and Vice President of the United States.

RESOLVED, That there shall be chosen on the first
2 Monday of November next, nine inhabitants of this
3 State, to be Electors of President and Vice President
4 of the United States.

RESOLVED, That the people of this State shall as-
2 semble on the said day, in town, plantation, city or
3 ward meeting ; which meetings shall be notified and
4 held, so far as applicable in the same manner, as is
5 provided by the constitution and laws for the election
6 of Senators in the Legislature of this State, and the
7 voters shall have the like qualifications. And the
8 aldermen and wardens, selectmen, assessors and other
9 officers of the several cities, wards, towns and plan-
10 tations, respectively, shall have the like powers and
11 be subject to the like obligations and duties as to
12 notifying and holding the said meetings, receiving,
13 sorting, counting, declaring, recording and sealing up
14 the votes ; and all the said officers and voters shall be
15 subject to the like penalties for any neglect or mis-

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16 conduct. Each voter shall be required to bring in on
17 a single list the names of all persons by him voted for.

RESOLVED, That it shall further be the duty of the
2 aldermen, selectmen and assessors of the several cities,
3 towns and plantations, respectively, to make return of
4 the lists of the persons voted for, as Electors, with
5 the number of votes for each person against his name,
6 sealed up as aforesaid, to the Secretary of this State,
7 on or before the twentieth day of November next ;
8 and the returns of the several towns shall be in sub-
9 stance as follows, viz :

10 At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of
11 _____, in the county of _____, qualified to vote for
12 Electors of President and Vice President of the Uni-
13 ted States, held on Monday, the fourth day of No-
14 vember, in the year eighteen hundred and forty four,
15 the said inhabitants gave in their votes for such Elec-
16 tors, and the same were received, sorted, counted and
17 declared in open town meeting by the selectmen, who
18 presided, and in the presence of the town clerk, who
19 formed a list of the persons voted for, and made
20 record thereof, with the number of votes for each
21 person on said list against his name as follows, viz :

22 For _____, votes.

23 Signed, _____ } *Selectmen.*

24 Attest: _____, *Town Clerk.*

25 And the returns from the several cities and planta-
26 tions, shall be in similar form, with such variations as
27 their different organization may require.

RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State seasonably to procure at the expense of the State, blank returns of the proper form, for such cities, towns and plantations, and to furnish the several clerks thereof with the same at least thirty days before the said first Monday of November.

RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the Governor and Council to be in session on the said twentieth day of November, and to examine the said returns and determine who are elected by a majority of all the votes; but in case there shall not be nine persons, on the lists so returned, who shall have received a majority of the votes; the Governor and Council shall declare the requisite number of persons to be elected, who shall have the next highest number of votes, respectively; and the Secretary of State shall forthwith transmit to each person found or declared by the Governor and Council to be chosen an Elector, a certificate of such choice.

RESOLVED, That the said Electors shall meet in the Senate Chamber, at Augusta, on the first Wednesday of December next, and in case, by reason of death or otherwise, all the nine Electors shall not be present, the Electors present shall, by a majority of votes on that or the next succeeding day, elect the requisite number of persons, suitably qualified to supply such deficiency.

RESOLVED, That the said Electors shall, on the first Wednesday of December next, vote by ballot for one

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3 person for President and one person for Vice Presi-
4 dent of the United States, and shall make and sub-
5 scribe three certificates of all the votes by them given,
6 each of which certificates, shall contain two distinct
7 lists, one of the votes given for President and the
8 other of the votes given for Vice President, and the
9 Electors shall seal up the same and certify on each
10 certificate, that a list of votes of the State of Maine,
11 for President and Vice President of the United States
12 is contained therein; the said Electors or a major
13 part of them, shall also under their hands, appoint a
14 person to take charge of one of the said certificates
15 and deliver the same at the city of Washington to the
16 President of the Senate of the United States, before
17 the first Wednesday of January next; they shall also
18 forward by mail forthwith one other of the said cer-
19 tificates directed to the President of the United States,
20 at the said city of Washington; and they shall also
21 cause the remaining certificate to be delivered as soon
22 as may be, to the Judge for the District Court of the
23 United States for the District of Maine.

RESOLVED, That the said Electors shall be paid for
2 their travel and attendance at the same rate as mem-
3 bers of the Legislature, and the Governor is hereby
4 authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of
5 the State for the amount thereof.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 26, 1844. }

Read once, Wednesday next assigned for a second reading, and
300 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

WM. T. JOHNSON, *Clerk.*