

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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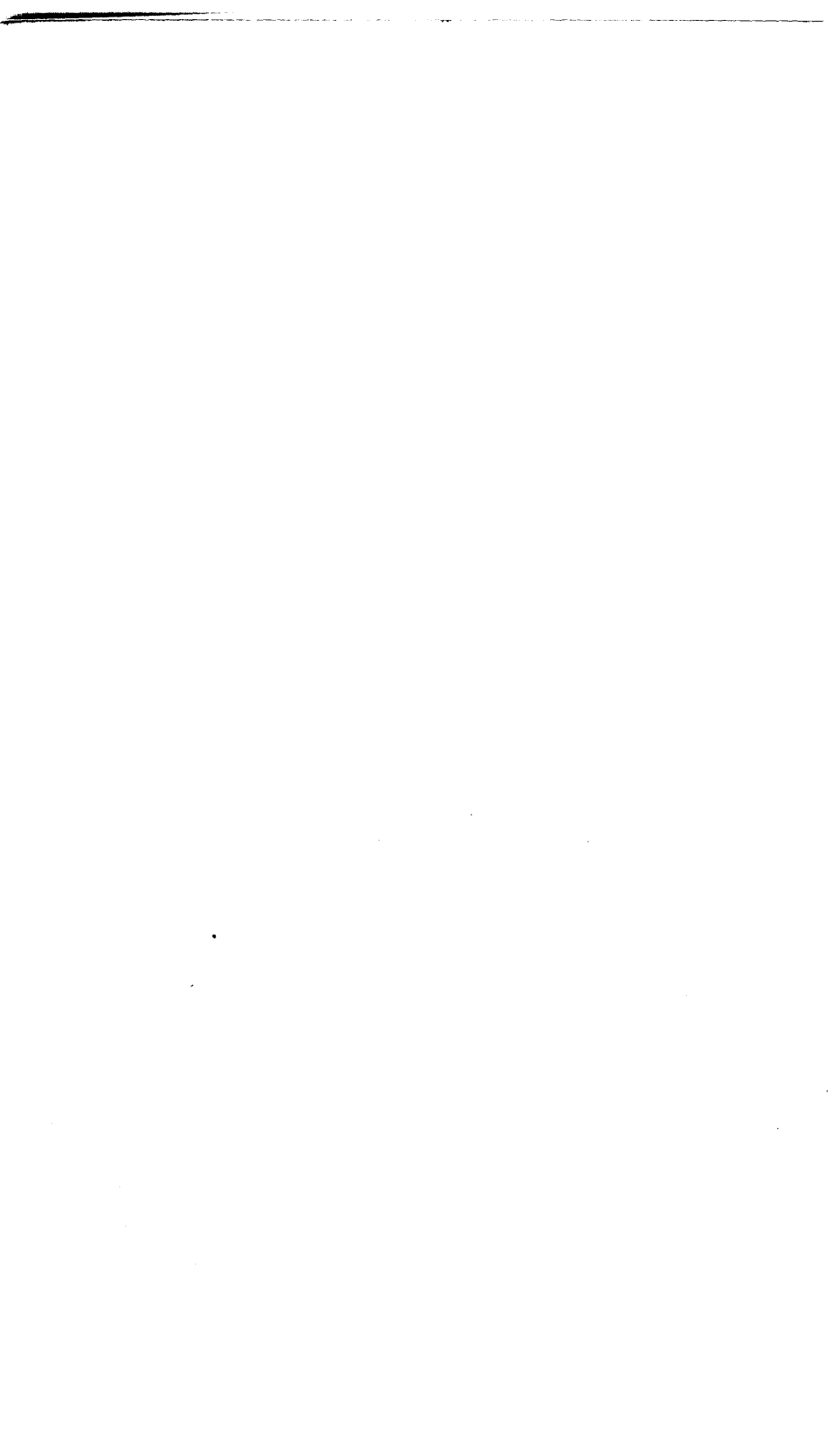
[SENATE.

RESOLVES

TO AMEND

THE CONSTITUTION.

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STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES providing for an amendment to the Constitution in relation to the meeting of the Legislature.

RESOLVED, Two thirds of both branches of the
2 Legislature concurring, that the Constitution of this
3 State shall be amended in the fifth section of the first
4 part of the fourth article, by striking out the words
5 “the first Wednesday in January,” and inserting
6 instead thereof, the words *the third Wednesday of*
7 *May*, and in article fourth, part second, sections third,
8 fourth and fifth—article fourth, part third, section first
9 —article fifth, part first, sections second and third—
10 article fifth, part second, section second—and article
11 ninth, section fourth—by striking out in each of said
12 sections, the words “the first Wednesday of Janu-
13 ary,” and inserting instead thereof, the words *the*
14 *third Wednesday of May*. And that the provisions
15 of the Constitution shall be so amended as that the
16 period of service of the present Governor, Councilors,
17 Senators, Representatives, Secretary of State and
18 Treasurer, shall continue until the third Wednesday
19 of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
20 hundred and forty-five.

4 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the Alder-
2 men, Selectmen and Assessors of the several cities,
3 towns and plantations within the State, to notify the
4 inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plan-
5 tations, in the manner prescribed by law, to give in
6 their votes at the annual meeting in September next,
7 upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing Re-
8 solve ; and the question shall be “shall the Consti-
9 tution be amended as proposed by the foregoing
10 Resolve, providing that the annual meeting of the
11 Legislature shall be on the third Wednesday of May,
12 instead of the first Wednesday of January—and that
13 the Governor and other State officers elected for the
14 present political year, shall hold their respective offices
15 until the third Wednesday of May, in the year of
16 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five?”
17 And the inhabitants of the said cities, towns and
18 plantations shall vote by ballot on said question—
19 those in favor of the amendment, expressing it by the
20 word “Yes,” upon their ballots; and those opposed
21 to the amendment, expressing it by the word “No”
22 upon their ballots.

RESOLVED, That the ballots upon the foregoing
2 question shall be received, sorted, counted, declared
3 and recorded in open ward, town, or plantation meet-
4 ings in the manner with votes for Governor; and a
5 true and attested copy of said record, sealed up, shall
6 be transmitted by the Aldermen, Selectmen, or As-
7 sessors, to the Secretary of State, within thirty days

8 next succeeding such meeting, in the same manner as
9 the lists of votes for Governor or Senators are re-
10 turned.

RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the Gov-
2 ernor and Council, as soon as may be, after the expi-
3 ration of the said thirty days, to examine said returns,
4 and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes
5 given in, were in favor of the amendment proposed,
6 as aforesaid, then said amendment shall be considered
7 as adopted, and the Constitution shall be amended
8 accordingly. And it shall be the duty of the Gov-
9 ernor to issue his proclamation, to be published in all
10 the newspapers that publish the laws of the State,
11 certifying that in pursuance of the foregoing Resolves
12 which have been submitted to the people of this
13 State, and approved by a majority of the legal voters
14 thereof, the amendment aforesaid is adopted and that
15 the Constitution is amended accordingly.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State shall pre-
2 pare and furnish the several cities, towns and plan-
3 tations in this State, with suitable blank returns,
4 accompanied with a copy of these Resolves.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 30, 1844.

ORDERED: That 1,000 copies of the foregoing Resolves, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JERE HASKELL, *Secretary.*