

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1846.



AUGUSTA:

WM. T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1847.

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 15.

SENATE.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE providing for an amendment of the Constitution, in relation to the choice of Representatives to the Legislature.

Resolved, Two thirds of both branches of the Legislature concurring, that the Constitution of this State shall be amended in the fifth section of the first part of the fourth article, by striking out the words "and the same proceedings shall be had at every future meeting until an election shall have been effected," and inserting the words, and the same proceedings shall be had at said meeting, and the person having the largest number of votes shall be elected. But in case the highest candidates have an equal number of votes, the same proceedings shall be had at every future meeting until some person shall have been elected by obtaining the largest number of votes as aforesaid.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
2 the several towns, and the assessors of the several plan-
3 tations in this State, are hereby empowered and direct-
4 ed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities,
5 towns and plantations, in manner prescribed by law, at
6 the annual meeting in September next to give in their
7 votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing
8 resolve; and the question shall be, shall the Constitu-
9 tion be amended as proposed in the foregoing resolve,
10 providing that in case no person is elected represent-
11 ative to the Legislature at the first trial by a majority
12 of votes, that the person having the largest number
13 of votes at the second trial shall be elected. But in
14 case the highest candidates have an equal number of
15 votes, the same proceedings shall be had at every
16 future meeting until some person shall have been
17 elected; and the inhabitants of said cities, towns and
18 plantations, shall vote by ballot on said question, those
19 in favor of said amendment expressing it by the word
20 “yes” upon their ballots, and those opposed to the
21 amendment expressing it by the word “no” upon
22 their ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted,
23 counted and declared, in open ward, town and plan-
24 tation meetings, and lists shall be made out of the
25 votes by the aldermen, selectmen and assessors, and

26 clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations,
27 and returned to the office of the secretary of state,
28 in the same manner as votes for senators, and the
29 governor and council shall count the same and make
30 return thereof to the next Legislature, and if a ma-
31 jority of the votes are in favor of said amendment,
32 the Constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare
2 and furnish the several cities, towns and plantations
3 blank returns in conformity to the resolves, accom-
4 panied with a copy of these resolves.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, June 23, 1846.

Ordered, That 350 copies of the foregoing Resolve be printed for the use of the Legislature.

DANIEL T. PIKE, *Secretary*.