

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1846.



*AUGUSTA:*

WM. T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1847.

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# TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

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No. 29.

HOUSE.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES providing for amendments to the constitution in relation to the meeting of the legislature, and the term of office of the governor and other officers.

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*Resolved*, That the constitution of this State be  
2 amended, in article second, section fourth; article  
3 fourth, section fifth, part first; article fourth, section  
4 fifth, part second; article fourth, section first, part  
5 third; article fifth, section second, part second; arti-  
6 cle fifth, section first, part third; article fifth, section  
7 first, part fourth; article ninth, section fourth; article  
8 tenth, section fourth, by substituting in each of said  
9 articles and sections, the word *biennial*, for the word  
10 “annual”; and article fifth, section second, part first,  
11 shall be amended by substituting the words *two years*,  
12 for “one year”, and *next after the biennial election*,  
13 for “in each year”; and article fifth, section second,  
14 part first, shall be amended by substituting *two years*

15 for “one year”, and *biennial* for “annual”; so that  
16 each of the officers named in said sections shall be  
17 elected for and hold their offices two years instead of  
18 one year, and the legislature meet biennially instead  
19 of annually.

*Resolved*, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen of  
2 the several towns and assessors of the several planta-  
3 tions in this State, are hereby empowered and direct-  
4 ed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities,  
5 towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed by  
6 law, at the annual meeting in September next to give  
7 in their votes upon the amendments proposed in the  
8 above resolve; and the question shall be submitted  
9 in the following words: “shall the constitution be  
10 amended by adopting the above resolve for the  
11 amendment of the constitution, passed by the legis-  
12 lature, proposing to elect the governor, members of  
13 the legislature and other State officers for the term of  
14 two years, and that the legislature shall meet once in  
15 two years?” And the ballots shall be received in sep-  
16 arate boxes; those in favor of said amendments voting  
17 “yes”, and those opposed voting “no”; and the  
18 ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared,  
19 and lists made out of the votes, by the clerks, and  
20 returned to the office of the secretary of state, in the

21 same manner as votes for senators ; and the governor  
22 and council shall count the same, and make return  
23 thereof to the next legislature, and if a majority of  
24 votes are in favor of said amendment, it shall become  
25 a part of the constitution.

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

## STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 18, 1846.

*Ordered*, That 350 copies of the foregoing resolves, reported by Mr. Stuart of Hollis, from the Joint Select Committee to which were referred sundry petitions for biennial sessions of the legislature, &c., be printed for the use of the legislature.

SAMUEL BELCHER, *Clerk*.