

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1847.

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1848.

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 10.]

[HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES providing for an amendment of the constitution in relation to the election of governor, senators and members of the house of representatives.

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 in two places, the words, "a majority," and inserting instead thereof, the words "the greatest number ;" and in the fourth section of the second part of the fourth article ; and in the fifth section of the second part of the fourth article by striking out in each of said sections, the words "a majority," and inserting instead thereof, the words "the greatest number ;" and in the third section of the first part of the fifth article, by striking out in two

13 places the words “a majority,” and inserting instead
14 thereof the words “the greatest number ;” and in the
15 first amendment to the constitution of this State, by
16 striking out the words “a majority,” and inserting in-
17 stead thereof the words “the greatest number.”

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the select-
2 men of the several towns, and the assessors of the
3 several plantations in this state, are hereby empower-
4 ed and directed to notify the inhabitants of their re-
5 spective cities, towns and plantations, in the manner
6 prescribed by law, at the annual meeting in Septem-
7 ber next, to give in their votes upon the amendment
8 proposed in the foregoing resolve ;—and the question
9 shall be, “shall the constitution be amended as pro-
10 posed by a resolve of the legislature, providing, that
11 the governor, senators and members of the house of
12 representatives, shall be elected by the “greatest
13 number,” instead of “a majority of votes ;”—and the
14 inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations, shall
15 vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of
16 said amendment, expressing it by the word “yes”
17 upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amend-
18 ment, expressing it by the word “no” upon their
19 ballots ; and the ballots shall be received, sorted,

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20 counted and declared, in open ward, town, and plan-
21 tation meetings, and lists shall be made out of the
22 votes by the aldermen, selectmen and assessors, and
23 clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations,
24 and returned to the office of secretary of state, in
25 the same manner as votes for senators, and the gov-
26 ernor and council shall count the same and make
27 return thereof to the next legislature, and if a majority
28 of the votes are in favor of said amendment, the con-
29 stitution 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 foregoing resolves,
4 accompanied with a copy thereof.

STATE OF MAINE.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 8, 1847.

Ordered, That 350 copies of the foregoing Resolves, reported from the committee on the Judiciary, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

SAMUEL BELCHER, *Clerk.*