

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 11.]

[HOUSE.]

STATE OF MAINE.



THE joint select committee, to whom was referred so much of the governor's message as relates to a recent amendment of the constitution, providing for the meeting of the legislature in the summer, have had that subject under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT

the accompanying resolves which are hereto annexed.

J. C. TALBOT, JR., *Per order.*

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 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 “the second Wednesday of May,” and inserting instead thereof, the words “the first Wednesday of January;” and in article fourth, part second, sections third, fourth, and fifth; article fourth, part third, section first; article fifth, part first, sections second and third; article fifth, part second, section second; and article ninth, section fourth, by striking out in each of said sections the words “the second Wednesday of May,” and inserting instead thereof, the words “the first Wednesday of January;” and the provisions of the constitution shall be so amended that the period of service of the governor, senators, representatives,

17 councilors, secretary of state, and treasurer next to be
18 elected, shall commence on the first Wednesday of
19 January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
20 hundred and fifty-one, and continue until the first
21 Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one
22 thousand eight hundred and fifty-two; and the period
23 of the service of the present governor, senators,
24 representatives, councilors, secretary of state, and
25 treasurer, shall continue until the first Wednesday of
26 January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
27 hundred and fifty-one; and the next election of state
28 officers, after September, in the year of our Lord one
29 thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, shall be on the
30 second Monday of September, in the year of our
31 Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

Resolved, That the aldermen of the several cities,
2 the selectmen of the several towns, and the assessors
3 of the several plantations in this state, are hereby
4 empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of
5 their respective cities, towns and plantations, in the
6 manner prescribed by law, at the annual meeting in
7 September next, to give in their votes upon the
8 amendment proposed in the foregoing resolve; and
9 the question shall be, "Shall the constitution be

10 amended as proposed by a resolve of the legislature,
11 providing that the annual meeting of the legislature
12 shall be on the first Wednesday of January, instead of
13 the second Wednesday of May, and that the period
14 of service of the governor and other state officers
15 next to be elected, shall commence on the first
16 Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one
17 thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and continue
18 until the first Wednesday of January in the year of
19 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two;
20 and the period of service of the present governor and
21 other state officers shall continue until the first
22 Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one
23 thousand eight hundred and fifty-one; and shall the
24 next election of state officers, after September, in the
25 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
26 forty-nine, be on the second Monday of September,
27 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
28 and fifty-one?" And the inhabitants of said cities,
29 towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said
30 question; those in favor of said amendment, express-
31 ing it by the word "Yes," upon their ballots, and those
32 opposed to said amendment, expressing it by the
33 word "No," upon their ballots; and the ballots shall

34 be received, sorted, counted and declared, in open
35 ward, town, and plantation meetings, and lists shall be
36 made out of the votes, by the aldermen, selectmen,
37 and assessors, and clerks of the several cities, towns,
38 and plantations, and returned to the office of the sec-
39 retary of state, in the same manner as votes for
40 senators, and the governor and council shall count
41 the same and make return thereof to the first legisla-
42 ture next in session after said votes shall be returned ;
43 and if a majority of the votes are in favor of said
44 amendment, the constitution shall be amended accord-
45 ingly.

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.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 14, 1849.

ORDERED, That 700 copies of the foregoing report and resolves be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EDMUND W. FLAGG, *Clerk.*