

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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No. 31.]

[HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES proposing to amend the constitution, and providing for biennial, instead of annual sessions of the legislature.

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 the words *next after the biennial*
13 *election*, for “in each year”; and article fifth, section
14 second, part first, shall be amended by substituting
15 *two years*, for “one year”, and biennial, for “annual”;
16 so that each of the officers named in said sections shall
17 be elected for and hold their offices two years instead
18 of one year, and the legislature meet biennially in-
19 stead of annually.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen
2 of the several towns, and assessors of the several
3 plantations in this state, are hereby empowered and
4 directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective
5 cities, towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed
6 by law, at the annual meeting in September next to
7 give in their votes upon the amendments proposed in
8 the foregoing resolve; and the question shall be sub-
9 mitted in the following words: “shall the constitution
10 be amended by adopting the resolve for the amend-
11 ment of the constitution, passed by the legislature,
12 proposing to elect the governor, members of the leg-
13 islature and other state officers for the term of two
14 years, and that the legislature shall meet once in two

15 years; and the ballots shall be received in separate
16 boxes; those in favor of said amendment 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 clerk and re-
20 turned 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 the
24 votes are in favor of said amendment it shall become
25 a part of the constitution and be amended accord-
26 ingly.

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 these resolves.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 10, 1850.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing resolves, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

E. W. FLAGG, *Clerk.*