

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 1.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN.

AN ACT to ratify an amendment of the constitution of the United States, proposed to the legislatures of the several states, by a resolution adopted at the first session of the thirty-ninth congress, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

WHEREAS, at the first session of the thirty-ninth congress of the United States of America, held at Washington in the District of Columbia, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, it was resolved as follows, viz :

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two thirds of both houses concurring,) That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several states as an amendment to the constitution of

11 the United States, which, when ratified by three fourths
12 of said legislatures, shall be valid as a part of the con-
13 stitution, namely :

ARTICLE XIV.

SECTION 1. All persons born or naturalized in the
2 United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof,
3 are citizens of the United States and of the state
4 wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce
5 any law which shall abridge the privileges or immuni-
6 ties of citizens of the United States ; nor shall any
7 state deprive any person of life, liberty or property,
8 without due process of law, nor deny to any person
9 within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

SECT. 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among
2 the several states according to their respective num-
3 bers, counting the whole number of persons in each
4 state, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the
5 right to vote at any election for the choice of electors
6 for president and vice president of the United States,
7 representatives in congress, the executive and judicial
8 officers of a state, or the members of the legislature
9 thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of
10 such state, being twenty-one years of age, and citi-
11 zens of the United States, or in any way abridged ex-
12 cept for participation in rebellion or other crime, the
13 basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the

14 proportion which the number of such male citizens
15 shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twen-
16 ty-one years of age in such state.

SECT. 3. No person shall be a senator or representa-
2 tive in congress, or elector of president and vice pres-
3 ident, or hold any office, civil or military, under the
4 United States, or under any state, who, having pre-
5 viously taken an oath, as a member of congress, or as
6 an officer of the United States, or as a member of any
7 state legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer
8 of any state, to support the constitution of the United
9 States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion
10 against the same, or given aid or comfort to the ene-
11 mies thereof. But congress may, by a vote of two
12 thirds of each house, remove such disability.

SECT. 4. The validity of the public debt of the
2 United States, authorized by law, including debts in-
3 curred for payment of pensions and bounties for ser-
4 vices in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not
5 be questioned. But neither the United States nor any
6 state shall assume or pay any debt or obligation in-
7 curred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the
8 United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipa-
9 tion of any slave ; but all such debts, obligations and
10 claims shall be held illegal and void.

SECT. 5. The congress shall have power to enforce,
2 by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this ar-
3 ticle.

*Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Rep-
resentatives of the State of Maine in Legislature assembled,
as follows, viz :*

SECT. 1. That the said proposed amendment be and
2 the same is hereby ratified on behalf of the State of
3 Maine.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on its approval
2 by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 12, 1867.

Read once, and, on motion of Mr. PORTER, laid on the table
and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature,
and Wednesday of next week assigned for its second reading.

PRENTISS M. FOGLER, *Secretary pro tem.*