

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ELECTIONS - BEFORE
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Date of Election -- September 12, 1910

Measure No. 1 -- "An Act to make uniform the standard relating to the percentage of Alcohol in Intoxicating Liquors"

Yes -- 31,093

No -- 40,475

Measure No. 2 -- "An Act to divide the town of York, and establish the town of Gorges"

Yes -- 19,692

No -- 34,722

Measure No. 3 -- "An Act relating to the reconstruction of Portland Bridge"

Yes -- 21,251

No -- 29,851

Date of Election -- September 11, 1911

Question No. 1 -- Shall the constitution be amended so as to abrogate and annul the twenty-sixth amendment adopted on the eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors?

In Favor -- 60,095

Opposed -- 60,853

Question No. 2 -- Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by resolution of the legislature providing that Augusta is hereby declared to be the seat of Government of this state?

In Favor -- 59,678

Opposed -- 41,294

Question No. 3 -- Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by resolution of the legislature providing that the towns having a population of forty thousand inhabitants or more, according to the last census taken by the United States, be permitted to create a debt or liability which single or in the aggregate equals seven and one-half per centum of its last regular valua-

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tion and that the increase in amount of debt be no greater than one-quarter of one per centum over the present rate of five per cent in any one year?

In Favor -- 39,242

Opposed -- 38,712

Question No. 4 -- An act to provide for nomination of candidates of political parties by primary elections, whereby all nominations of candidates for any state or county office, including United States Senator, Member of Congress, and Member of the State Legislature, shall hereafter be made at and by primary elections held in accordance with the provisions of this act.

In Favor -- 65,810

Opposed -- 21,774

Date of Election -- September 9, 1912

"Resolve amending Article 9 of the Constitution, so as to provide for a Bond Issue for State Highways"

In Favor -- 80,619

Opposed -- 21,454

"An Act to provide for the use of Uniform Ballot Boxes and for the Preservation of ballot cast at Elections"

In Favor -- 72,816

Opposed -- 33,884

Date of Election -- September 14, 1914

"An Act to create a Public Utilities Commission, prescribe its powers and duties, and provide for the regulation and control of public utilities."

In Favor -- 67,365

Opposed -- 37,008

Date of Election -- September 11, 1916

"An Act to provide for State and County Aid in the Construction

of Highway Bridges"

In Favor -- 96,677

Opposed -- 14,138

"An Act Relative to the Hours of Employment of Women and Minors"

In Favor -- 95,591

Opposed -- 40,252

Date of Election -- September 10, 1917

"Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Granting Suffrage to Women upon Equal Terms with Men"

In Favor -- 20,604

Opposed -- 38,838

"Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine Relative to the Tenure of the office of Sheriff"

In Favor -- 29,584

Opposed -- 25,416

"Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine Empowering the Legislature to Authorize Towns to Divide into Voting Districts for Purposes of Holding Elections"

In Favor -- 22,588

Opposed -- 24,593

"Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Article Seven of the Constitution Relating to Military"

In Favor -- 20,585

Opposed -- 23,912

"Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Section Three of part One of Article four of the Constitution in Regard to the Apportionment of Representatives in the Event of Merger of Towns and Cities"

In Favor -- 22,013

Opposed -- 21,719

"An Act to Create the Auburn Sewerage District and Transferring to it the Sewer System of the City of Auburn"

In Favor -- 850

Opposed -- 560

Date of Election -- September 8, 1919

"Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Article Seven of the Constitution, Relating to Military"

In Favor -- 15,826

Opposed -- 11,020

"Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Section One of Article Two of the Constitution of the State of Maine, Providing for the Continuation of the Right of Suffrage to a person otherwise Qualified to Vote for Governor, Senators and Representatives in this State, in the Town or Plantation Where His Residence for Suffrage Purposes has been Established, for a Period of Three Months after his Removal therefrom to Another Town or Plantation within this State"

In Favor -- 22,024

Opposed -- 6,751

"Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Article Nine of the Constitution so as to provide for a Bond Issue for the Purposes of Building and Maintaining Public Wharves and for the Establishment of Adequate Port Facilities in the State of Maine"

In Favor -- 22,637

Opposed -- 6,777

"Resolve, Amending Article IX of the Constitution, as Amended by Article XXXV of the Constitution, increasing the State Debt Limit"

In Favor -- 21,542

Opposed -- 7,080

"Resolve, Amending Article IX of the Constitution, as Amended by Article XXXV of the Constitution, increasing the Amount of Bonds to be issued for the purpose of Building State Highways and Providing for the Building of Intrastate, Interstate, and International Bridges"

In Favor -- 26,228

Opposed -- 5,125

State

Date of Election -- September 13, 1920

Constitutional Amendments:

Polling Places -- in favor -- 76,129; Opposed -- 29,333

Bonus for Soldiers and Sailors -- in Favor -- 105,712;

Opposed -- 32,820

Income Tax -- in Favor -- 53,975; opposed -- 64,787

Chap. 179, Resolves of Maine, Spec. Sess. of 1919

Referendum: Right of Women to Vote for Presidential Electors

In Favor -- 88,080

Opposed -- 30,462

Date of Election -- September 12, 1921

Constitutional Amendments:

Absent Voting -- in Favor -- 14,410; Opposed -- 11670

Bonds for State Aid Highways -- in Favor -- 9,924;

Opposed -- 16,194

Bonus for Spanish War Soldiers -- in Favor -- 11,969;

Opposed -- 15,316

Date of Election -- September 11, 1922

Referendum question: Relative to full-time State Highway Commission

Date of Election ^{Special} October 15, 1923 In favor 56,822

Opposed 60,258

Referendum: Employment of Women and Minors -- Hours of

In Favor -- 33,991

Opposed -- 53,784

Date of Election -- September 14, 1925 (Special)

Constitutional Amendments:

State Bonds for Kennebec River Bridge at Bath

In Favor -- 54,107

Opposed -- 8,228

Bonds for State Highways and Bridges

In Favor -- 49,821

Opposed -- 10,332

Referendum: Dexter P. Cooper, Incorporated.

In Favor -- 53,547

Opposed -- 7,220

Date of Special Election -- Dec. 7, 1925

Referendum: Standard time

In favor 34,414 Opposed 28,454

Grades of milk

In favor 19,607 Opposed 38,056

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State

Date of Election -- September 13, 1926

Constitutional Amendment: Relating to Prohibition of Use of Public Funds For other than Public Institutions and Public Purposes

In Favor -- 65,349 Opposed -- 94,148

Special

Date of Election -- October 18, 1927

Referendum Question: Relative to Primary Elections, Repeal of Act

In Favor -- 20,027 Opposed -- 37,114

State

Date of Election -- September 10, 1928 - p. 911 - Pub. Law of 1929

Referendum Question: Relating to the Excise Tax on Railroads

In Favor -- 119,762 Opposed -- 52,350

Date of Election -- September 9, 1929 (Special)

Constitutional Amendments:

Filling of Councillor Vacancies. In Favor -- 62,075

Opposed -- 32,527

Penobscot River Bridge at Prospect. In Favor -- 58,206

Opposed -- 43,844

Increase in Amount of State Bonds for Building Highways and Bridges -- In Favor -- 58,607; Opposed -- 43,189

Referendum Questions:

Relative to Sale of Surplus Hydro-electric Power --

In Favor -- 54,683 Opposed -- 63,312

Increase in Tax on Gasoline -- In Favor -- 35,258;

Opposed -- 79,673

Date of Election -- September 14, 1931 (Special)

Constitutional Amendment: To Provide for the Number of
Senators

In Favor -- 9,709 Opposed -- 8,972

Special

Date of Election -- November 9, 1931

Referendum Question: "An Act Relating to the Administration
of the State"

In Favor -- 41,077 Opposed -- 30,368

State

Date of Election -- September 12, 1932

Referendum Question: "An Act Relative to Tax on Gasoline"

In Favor -- 24,008 Opposed -- 195,922

Special

Date of Election -- September 11, 1933

Constitutional Amendments:

Voting Machines in Elections -- In Favor -- 57,230

Opposed -- 64,553

State Debt Limit for excepting Loans from the State from
the Municipal Debt Limit When Disbursements are made for
Emergency Relief

In Favor -- 47,678 Opposed -- 81,023

Direct Initiative Questions:

Act to Raise an Excise Tax on Corporations, Distributing
or Supplying Electricity

In Favor -- 46,015 Opposed -- 90,804

Act Establishing a Low Rate Tax on Intangible Personal
Property

In Favor -- 44,832 Opposed -- 85,332

Date of Election -- September 10, 1934 (State)

Constitutional Amendments:

Repeal of the 26th Amendment

In Favor -- 161,893 Opposed -- 85,363

Increase in State Debt Limit

In Favor -- 117,046 Opposed -- 91,515

Bond Issue for Construction, Improvement and Equipment
of State Buildings

In Favor -- 123,843 Opposed 79,906

Referendum Question: "An Act Relating to Transportation of
Intoxicating Liquors

In Favor -- 141,259 Opposed -- 82,877

Date of Election -- September 9, 1935 (Special)

Constitutional Amendments:

Length of Residence to qualify as a Voter

In Favor -- 23,269 Opposed -- 5,540

Increase of State Bonds to be issued for matching Federal
aid for construction of State Highways

In Favor -- 19,074 Opposed -- 9,915

Use of Voting Machines in elections

In Favor -- 17,855 Opposed -- 10,996

Bond issue for furnishing and paying additional funds
for the Deer Isle-Sedgwick Bridge District

In Favor -- 21,383 Opposed -- 8,375

Referendum Question: Acceptance of Act creating the Deer
Isle-Sedgwick Bridge District

In Favor -- 22,205 Opposed -- 7,813

Date of Election -- September 14, 1936 (State)

Referendum Questions:

Question No. 1 -- Shall state stores for the sale of liquor be operated by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?

In favor -- 156,712 Opposed -- 103,334

Question No. 2 -- Shall licenses be granted in this city or town under regulation of the state liquor commission for the sale therein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises?

In favor -- 145,945 Opposed -- 122,964

Question No. 3 -- Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale therein of malt liquor?

In favor -- 160,642 Opposed -- 115,925

Question No. 4 -- Shall an Act entitled "An Act Relative to Resident Fishing and Hunting Licenses," become a Law?

In favor -- 132,400 Opposed -- 113,634

Question No. 5 -- Shall a Bill Entitled "An Act Relating to the Use of the General Highway Fund, and to Prevent Diversion Thereof," Become a Law?

In favor -- 182,012 Opposed -- 52,590

Date of Election -- August 16, 1937 (Special)

Referendum Question:

"Shall the Act To Provide for Old Age Assistance, to Guarantee a Minimum Educational Program and to Provide Revenues Therefor, as Submitted by the 88th Legislature to the People, be Accepted?"

In favor -- 41,482 Opposed -- 80,449

Date of Election -- September 12, 1938 (State)

Referendum Question No. 1:

"Shall state stores for the sale of liquor be operated by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"

In Favor -- 151,502 Opposed -- 99,967

Referendum Question No. 2:

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town under regulation of the state liquor commission for the sale therein of wines and spirits to be consumed on the premises?"

In Favor -- 132,481 Opposed -- 112,608

Referendum Question No. 3:

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale therein of malt liquor?"

In Favor -- 153,697 Opposed -- 107,585

Constitutional Amendment:

Chapter 4, Proposing an Amendment to Section I of Article II of the Constitution, as amended by Article XLIV, to provide for residence of six months, instead of three months, to qualify as a voter.

In Favor -- 125,996 Opposed -- 79,342

Date of Election - September 11, 1939 (Special)

Constitutional Amendment:

Chapter 94, Proposing an Amendment to Section 17 of Article IX of the Constitution as amended by Article LVIII, to provide for an additional issue of state highway bonds.

In Favor -- 16,500 Opposed -- 21,265

Date of Election -- September 9, 1940 (State)

Referendum Question No. 1

"Shall state stores for the sale of liquor be operated by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"

In Favor -- 133,844

Opposed -- 87,272

Referendum Question No. 2

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town under regulation of the state liquor commission for the sale therein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises?"

In Favor -- 117,004

Opposed -- 100,886

Referendum Question No. 3

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale therein of malt liquor (beer, ale and other malt beverages), to be consumed on the premises?"

In Favor -- 124,700

Opposed -- 100,850

Referendum Question No. 4

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale therein of malt liquor (beer, ale and other malt beverages) not to be consumed on the premises?"

In Favor -- 130,755

Opposed -- 90,541

Referendum Question No. 5

Shall the law enacted by the 1939 Legislature entitled "An Act Relating to Elections in the City of Biddeford" be ratified?

In Favor -- 70,412

Opposed -- 70,226

Referendum Question No. 6

Shall the law enacted by the 1939 Legislature entitled "An Act to Provide a Police Commission for the City of Biddeford" be ratified?

In Favor -- 69,933

Opposed -- 67,179

Date of Election -- December 10, 1941 (Special)

Referendum Question:

"Shall the law enacted by the 1941 Legislature entitled
'An Act Imposing an Additional Gasoline Tax' be ratified?"

In Favor -- 14,520 Opposed -- 32,131

Date of Election -- September 14, 1942 (State)

Referendum Question No. 1:

"Shall state stores for the sale of liquor be operated by
permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"

In Favor -- 93,124 Opposed -- 65,441

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"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town under regulation
of the state liquor commission for the sale therein of wine and spirits
to be consumed on the premises?"

In Favor -- 76,491 Opposed -- 75,588

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the premises?"

In Favor -- 78,367 Opposed -- 77,081

Referendum Question No. 4:

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale
therein of malt liquor (beer, ale and other malt beverages) not to
be consumed on the premises?"

In Favor -- 88,313 Opposed -- 67,517

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

1931 --- 1940

1931 - Date of Election -- September 14, 1931 (Special)

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In Favor -- 88,313

Opposed -- 67,517

1944 - Date of Election -- September 11, 1944 (State)

Referendum Question No. 1:

"Shall state stores for the sale of liquor be operated by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"

In Favor -- 111,704

Opposed -- 65,045

Referendum Question No. 2:

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town under regulation of the state liquor commission for the sale therein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises?"

In Favor -- 91,500

Opposed -- 81,437

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In Favor -- 90,514

Opposed -- 82,581

Referendum Question No. 4:

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale therein of malt liquor (beer, ale and other malt beverages) not to be consumed on the premises?"

In Favor -- 106,019

Opposed -- 68,323

Referendum Question No. 5: (Presented to towns by special petition only)

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale therein under the regulation of the state liquor commission of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises of a hotel or club that operates only during the months of June, July, August and September?"

*In Favor -- 221

Opposed -- 93

*Vote of Town of Belgrade

Constitutional Amendment:

"Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the Legislature, limiting to highway purposes the use of revenues derived from the taxation of vehicles used on public highways and fuels used for propulsion of such vehicles?"

In Favor -- 139,805

Opposed -- 33,172

1946 - Date of Election -- September 9, 1946 (State)

Referendum Question No. 1:

"Shall state stores for the sale of liquor be operated by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"

In Favor -- 109,359

Opposed -- 65,186

Referendum Question No. 2:

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town under regulation of the state liquor commission for the sale herein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises?"

In Favor 88,624

Opposed -- 81,501

Referendum Question No. 3:

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the

sale herein of malt liquor (beer, ale, and other malt liquors) to be consumed on the premises?"

In Favor -- 85,611

Opposed -- 85,294

Referendum Question No. 4:

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale herein of malt liquor (beer, ale, and other malt liquors) not to be consumed on the premises?"

In Favor -- 104,835

Opposed -- 67,367

Referendum Question No. 5: (Presented to towns by special petition only)

"Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale therein under the regulation of the state liquor commission of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises of a hotel or club that operated only during the months of June, July, August, and September?"

*In Favor -- 1253

Opposed -- 990

*Vote of Towns of Belgrade, Boothbay Harbor, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport

Referendum Question: (Tax for Soldier's Bonus)

"Shall the act providing for the payment of a bonus to Maine veterans of World War II and for the payment of other veterans' benefits and to provide for such payments by additional cigarette and liquor taxes and miscellaneous taxes, as submitted by the 92nd legislature to the people, be accepted?"

In Favor -- 60,544

Opposed -- 109,450

Constitutional Amendment: (Soldier's Bonus)

"Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the legislature providing for the issuing of state bonds for the purpose of paying a bonus of \$150 to Maine veterans of World War II and for the payment of other veterans' benefits and to provide for the payment of such bonds by additional cigarette and liquor taxes and miscellaneous taxes?"

In Favor -- 59,725

Opposed -- 108,467