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Presented by Senator Lovell of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for the Apportionment of the House of Representatives.

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendments to the Constitution of this State be proposed:

Constitution, Article IV, Part First, Section 2, repealed. Section 2 of Part First of Article IV of the Constitution is repealed.

Constitution, Article IV, Part First, Section 3, repealed and replaced. Section 3 of Part First of Article IV of the Constitution is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Section 3. Apportionment of members; tenure. The House of Representatives shall consist of one Representative from each municipality or representative class district having at least four thousand registered voters, except that any municipality or representative class district having more than four thousand registered voters shall be entitled to an additional Representative for each additional four thousand registered voters, always allowing one Representative for a fraction exceeding half the ratio. The Secretary of State shall after any presidential election reapportion the House of Representatives in accordance with this section. The members of the House of Representatives shall be elected by the qualified electors and hold their office two years from the day next preceding the biennial meeting of the Legislature.'

Form of question and date when amendments shall be voted upon. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner

prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives at the next general election in the month of November or special state-wide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolve, to give in their votes upon the amendments proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

“Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature to provide for the apportionment of the House of Representatives?”

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, and shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words “Yes” or “No” their opinion of the same. The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendments, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendments shall thereupon, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve, accompanied by a copy thereof.