

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 16, 1963

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Legislative Reapportionment. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

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 Senate.

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

Constitution, Article IV, Part Second, Section 1, repealed and replaced. Section 1 of Part Second of Article IV of the Constitution is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Section 1. Number, time and term of election. The Senate shall consist of one Senator from each county, except that any county having more than twenty-five thousand registered voters shall be entitled to an additional Senator for each additional twenty-five thousand registered voters, always allowing one additional Senator for a fraction exceeding half the ratio. The Secretary of State shall after any presidential election reapportion the Senate in accordance with this section. The members of the Senate shall be elected at the same time and for the same term as the Representatives by the qualified electors of the counties which they shall respectively represent.’

Form of question and date when amendment 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 amendment 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 Senate?”

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 amendment, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment 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.