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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
101st LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 992, L. D. 1435, Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Clarifying Provisions Governing Assumption of Office of Governor by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House.

Amend said Resolve by adding at the end thereof the following:

'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, 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 Clarifying Provisions Governing Assumption of Office of Governor by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House?"

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.'

Reported by the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Legislative Reapportionment.

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