

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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Referred to Committee on State Government.
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In Senate, January 13, 1965
Sent down for concurrence and

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Mendell of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Elect the Secretary of State.

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

Constitution, Article V, Part Third, Section 2, repealed and replaced. Section 1 of Part Third of Article V of the Constitution is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Section 1. Election. The Secretary of State shall be elected by the qualified electors and shall hold office for two years from the first Wednesday in January following the election.’

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 Elect the Secretary of State?”

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.