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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for the  
Appointment of Judges and Registers of Probate.**

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

**Constitution, Article V, Part First, Section 8, amended.** Section 8 of Part  
First of Article V of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

**Section 8. To nominate officers.** He shall nominate, and, with the advice and  
consent of the Council, appoint all judicial officers (~~except judges of probate~~),  
coroners, and notaries public; and he shall also nominate, and with the advice  
and consent of the Council, appoint all other civil and military officers, whose  
appointment is not by this Constitution, or shall not by law be otherwise pro-  
vided for, except the land agent; and every such nomination shall be made  
seven days, at least, prior to such appointment.

**Constitution, Article VI, Section 6, repealed and replaced.** Section 6 of Article  
VI of the Constitution is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**Section 6. Judges and registers of probate.** Judges and registers of probate  
shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council.

**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 in-  
habitants 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 Providing for the Appointment of Judges and Registers of Probate?”

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.