

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Extending to
Persons Eighteen Years Old all Adult Rights.**

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 I, Section 6-B, additional. Article I of the Constitu-
tion is amended by adding a new section 6-B, to read as follows:

Section 6-B. Adult rights to persons eighteen years of age. No law shall
be enacted which shall deprive a person who has attained the age of eighteen
years of all the statutory or common law rights of an adult person twenty-
one years of age or over.

Constitution, Article II, Section 1, amended. The first sentence of Section
1 of Article II of the Constitution, as amended, is further amended to read
as follows:

Every citizen of the United States of the age of ~~twenty-one~~ **eighteen** years
and upwards, excepting persons under guardianship for reasons of mental
illness, having his or her residence established in this State for the term of
six months next preceding any election, shall be an elector for Governor, Sena-
tors and Representatives, in the city, town or plantation where his or her resi-
dence has been established for the term of three months next preceding such
election, and he or she shall continue to be an elector in such city, town or
plantation for the period of three months after his or her removal therefrom,
if he or she continues to reside in this State during such period, unless barred

by the provisions of the second paragraph of this section; and the elections shall be by written ballot.

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 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 Extending to Persons Eighteen Years Old all Adult Rights?”

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 review 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.