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JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for a Full-time Attorney General to Hold Office for Four Years.

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Constitution, Article IX, Section 11, repealed and replaced. Section 11 of Article IX of the Constitution is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Section 11. Attorney General. The Attorney General shall be chosen by joint ballot of the Senators and Representatives in convention, at a regular session of the Legislature, for a term of four years. He shall be at all times a resident of the State and duly admitted to practice law in the courts thereof. He shall devote his full time to his duties and shall not engage in the private practice of law during his term of office.

Vacancy in said office, occurring when the Legislature is not in session, may be filled by appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, until the Legislature again convenes.

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 Providing for a Full-time Attorney General to hold office for four years?”

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 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.

This resolve shall be effective with the convening of the 105th Legislature.

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.