

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Shute of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Eliminate the Three-month Voting Residence Requirement Following a Change of Residence Within the 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 II, Section 1, amended.** The first sentence of Section 1 of Article II of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Every citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years and upwards, excepting persons under guardianship for reasons of mental illness, having his or her residence established in this State, shall be an elector for Governor, Senators and Representatives, in the city, town or plantation where his or her residence has been established, ~~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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The regular session of the 106th Legislature eliminated from the election laws the requirement that a person moving his residence from one community

within the State to another within the State must wait a period of 3 months before being eligible to vote in his new community of residence. Since this same requirement appears in the State Constitution and since the Legislature did not eliminate this requirement from the Constitution at the same time as it was deleted from the election laws, this Constitutional Amendment is necessary to bring the Constitution and the election laws into conformity.