

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A" H.P. 1157, L.D. 1456, RESOLUTION,  
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide that the  
Secretary of State be Elected by Popular Vote and to Establish  
the Duties of That Office.

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the 7th para-  
graph and inserting in its place the following:

'Section 3. Election; votes to be returned to Secretary of  
State; provisions in case of time. Beginning with the election of  
1978, the meetings for election of Governor and Secretary of State  
shall be notified, held and regulated and votes shall be received,  
sorted, counted and declared and recorded, in the same manner as  
those for Senators and Representatives.'

Resolution  
Further amend the / by striking out all of the 20th  
paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'Constitution, Art. V. Pt. 3rd, §§1-A, 1-B, 1-C and 1-D are  
enacted to read:'

Resolution  
Further amend the /' by striking out all of the 8th para-  
graph from the end before the Statement of Fact.

Statement of Fact

This amendment removes the provision for the Governor and  
Secretary of State to run together in the general election, and  
provides for individual election contests. It also removes the  
authority of the Secretary of State to act in the stead of the  
Governor when the Governor is absent.

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Reported by the Minority of the Committee on State Government.

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