

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Masterton of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsor: Mrs. Kany of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

JOINT RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT
TO THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE
FOR REPRESENTATION OF
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN THE CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the 95th Congress of the United States of America at its second Session, in both Houses, by a Constitutional majority of two-thirds thereof, adopted the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States of America in the following words, to wit:

JOINT RESOLUTION
PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO
THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE
FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN THE CONGRESS

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein). That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the

Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE

“SECTION 1. For purposes of representation in the Congress, election of the President and Vice President, and Article V of this Constitution, the District constituting the seat of government of the United States shall be treated as though it were a State.

“SECTION 2. The exercise of the rights and powers conferred under this article shall be by the people of the District constituting the seat of government, and as shall be provided by the Congress.

“SECTION 3. The twenty-third article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

“SECTION 4. This article shall be inoperative, unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission.”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: By the Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the 109th Maine Legislature, now assembled, that such proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be and the same is hereby ratified; and be it further

RESOLVED: That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Administrator of General Services, Washington, D. C., and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States.