

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 617**

S. P. 230

In Senate, February 4, 1981

Read and on Motion of Senator Collins of Knox, referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Trotzky of Penobscot.

Cosponsors: Senator Conley of Cumberland, Representative Rolde of York and Representative Masterton of Cape Elizabeth.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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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 The twenty-third article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.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 Senate and the House of Representatives of the 110th 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. (S. P. 230)