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1 L.D. 2571  
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3 STATE OF MAINE  
4 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
5 113TH LEGISLATURE  
6 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

7 HOUSE AMENDMENT " *B* " to H.P. 1877, L.D. 2571,  
8 "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the  
9 Constitution of Maine to Make the Language of the  
10 Constitution Gender-Neutral."

11 Amend the resolution in section 2 by striking out  
12 all of section 3 and inserting in its place the  
13 following:

14 'Section 3. Religious freedom; sects equal;  
15 religious tests prohibited; religious teachers. All  
16 men individuals have a natural and unalienable right  
17 to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of  
18 their own consciences, and no one person shall be  
19 hurt, molested or restrained in his person, that  
20 person's liberty or estate for worshipping God in the  
21 manner and season most agreeable to the dictates of  
22 his that person's own conscience, nor for his that  
23 person's religious professions or sentiments,  
24 provided he that that person does not disturb the  
25 public peace, nor obstruct others in their religious  
26 worship; -- and all persons demeaning themselves  
27 peaceably, as good members of the State, shall be  
28 equally under the protection of the laws, and no  
29 subordination nor preference of any one sect or  
30 denomination to another shall ever be established by  
31 law, nor shall any religious test be required as a  
32 qualification for any office or trust, under this  
33 State; and all religious societies in this State,  
34 whether incorporate or unincorporate, shall at

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1 all times have the exclusive right of electing their  
2 public teachers, and contracting with them for their  
3 support and maintenance.'

4 Further amend the resolution in section 2 in  
5 section 6 by striking out all of the last paragraph  
6 (page 3, lines 32 to 38 in L.D.) and inserting in its  
7 place the following:

8 'To have a speedy, public and impartial trial,  
9 and, except in trials by martial law or impeachment,  
10 by a jury of the vicinity. He The accused shall  
11 not be compelled to furnish or give evidence against  
12 himself or herself, nor be deprived of his life,  
13 liberty, property or privileges, but by judgment of  
14 his that person's peers or the law of the land.'

15 Further amend the resolution in section 2 by  
16 striking out all of section 6-A and inserting in its  
17 place the following:

18 'Section 6-A. Discrimination against persons  
19 prohibited. No person shall ~~may~~ be deprived of  
20 life, liberty or property without due process of law,  
21 nor be denied the equal protection of the laws, nor be  
22 denied the enjoyment of his that person's civil  
23 rights or be discriminated against in the exercise  
24 thereof.'

25 Further amend the resolution in section 5 in  
26 section 5 in the 14th line (page 6, line 5 in L.D.) by  
27 striking out the underlined word "each" and inserting  
28 in its place the underlined word 'that'

29 Further amend the resolution in section 8 by  
30 striking out all of section 11 and inserting in its  
31 place the following:

32 'Section 11. Persons disqualified to be members.  
33 No member of Congress, nor person holding any office  
34 under the United States (post officers excepted) nor  
35 office of profit under this State, justices of the  
36 peace, notaries public, coroners and officers of the  
37 militia excepted, shall have a seat in either House  
38 during his being such while a member of Congress,  
39 or his continuing in such office.'

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1 Further amend the resolution in section 11 in  
2 section 2 by striking out all of the last line (page  
3 12, line 24 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the  
4 following: or herself.'

5 Further amend the resolution in section 11 in  
6 section 15 in the 2nd paragraph in the 4th line from  
7 the end (page 16, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the  
8 underlined words "elected by the people"

9 Further amend the resolution in section 11 in  
10 section 15 in the 3rd paragraph in the 12th and 13th  
11 lines (page 16, lines 38 and 39 in L.D.) by striking  
12 the underlined words and punctuation: "the President  
13 of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House" and  
14 inserting in their place the underlined words 'that  
15 officer'

16 Further amend the resolution in the constitutional  
17 referendum by striking out all of the question (page  
18 20, lines 41 and 42 and page 21, lines 1 to 3 in L.D.)  
19 and inserting in its place the following:

20 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to  
21 remove gender-biased language in order to clarify that  
22 the Constitution applies to all individuals?"

23 Further amend the resolution by striking out all  
24 the section numbers.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This amendment makes technical corrections to the  
27 resolution.

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