

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 855

House of Representatives, March 21, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative BUTLAND of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative AULT of Wayne, Representative SMALL of Bath and Senator RICH of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**RESOLUTION, Proposing to Require That Certain State Officers Be
Appointed by the Governor.**



2 Constitutional Amendment. RESOLVED: Two thirds of each
branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following
amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

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6 Sec. 1. Constitution, Art. V, Pt. Second, §1 is repealed and the
following enacted in its place:

8 Section 1. Appointment. The Secretary of State is
10 appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

12 Sec. 2. Constitution, Art. V, Pt. Third, §1 is repealed and the
following enacted in its place:

14 Section 1. Appointment. The Treasurer of State is
16 appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

18 Sec. 3. Constitution, Art. IX, §11 is repealed and the following
enacted in its place:

20 Section 11. Attorney General. The Attorney General is
22 appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

24 ; and be it further

26 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective
date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall
28 notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding
30 a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday
following the first Monday of November following the passage of
32 this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment
proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

34 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to provide for
36 the appointment by the Governor of the Secretary of State,
the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General?"

38 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
40 vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice
by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square
42 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received,
sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation
44 meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same
manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor
46 shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of
the legal votes are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor
48 shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment becomes
part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be
it further

