

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 19, 1993

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Provide for the Direct Popular Election of the Treasurer of State.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BENNETT of Norway.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, AIKMAN of Poland,
DUTREMBLE of Biddeford, FARNUM of South Berwick, GRAY of Sedgwick, JOY of Island
Falls, LOOK of Jonesboro, OTT of York, PENDEXTER of Scarborough, QUINT of Paris,
SIMONEAU of Thomaston, TAYLOR of Cumberland, WHITCOMB of Waldo, Senators:
HALL of Piscataquis, HANLEY of Oxford.

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 **Constitution Art. V, Part Third, §1** is repealed and the
following enacted in its place:

8 **Section 1. Election** The Treasurer shall be elected by the
qualified electors, and shall hold the office for 4 years from
10 the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday of January next
following the election and until the successor to the Treasurer
12 has been duly elected and qualified, in the same manner as
provided by this Constitution for the election of the Governor.
14 Vacancy in that office must be filled by appointment by the
Governor, subject to confirmation as required by this
16 Constitution for Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

18 ; and be it further

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

28 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to provide
30 that the Treasurer of State be elected by the people in the
same manner as the Governor and shall, likewise, hold the
32 office for 4 years?"

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

46 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the
Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
48 and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution
necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This resolution provides for direct popular election of the
Treasurer of State in the same manner as currently provided for
the Governor.