

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

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No. 149

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H.P. 114

House of Representatives, January 17, 1995

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine  
to Lower the Age of Eligibility to Serve in the Legislature.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VOLENIK of Sedgwick.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AHEARNE of Madawaska,  
DAVIDSON of Brunswick, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, POVICH of Ellsworth,  
RICHARDSON of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TREAT of Gardiner, Senator: RUHLIN  
of Penobscot.



2 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below  
the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,  
4 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings  
and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as  
6 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review  
the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes  
8 are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim  
that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the  
10 Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further

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

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18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 This bill lowers the age requirements for State Senators  
from 25 to 21 and for Members of the House of Representatives  
from 21 to 18.