

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 127

In Senate, January 31, 1995

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine  
to Require that Constitutional Officers Be Appointed by the Governor.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: ROBICHAUD of Caribou.

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

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 Second, §1** is repealed and the  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  
appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

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 Third, §1** is repealed and the  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

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

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 IX, §11** is repealed and the following  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

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

22 ; and be it further

24 **Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective  
26 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  
the appointment by the Governor of the Secretary of State,  
36 the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General?"

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

2           **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the  
3 Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town  
4 and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution  
5 necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.  
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10                                   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

11           This resolution amends the Constitution of Maine to provide  
12 for the appointment by the Governor of the Secretary of State,  
13 the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General.  
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