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House of Representatives, February 9, 1995

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Minimum Qualifications for the Treasurer of State.

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OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative STONE of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AHEARNE of Madawaska, BAILEY of Township 27, BERRY of Livermore, BIRNEY of Paris, BUCK of Yarmouth, CAMERON of Rumford, CAMPBELL of Holden, CLARK of Millinocket, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, FARNUM of South Berwick, GOOLEY of Farmington, HARTNETT of Freeport, JONES of Bar Harbor, LANE of Enfield, MORRISON of Bangor, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PLOWMAN of Hampden, RICE of South Bristol, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, TAYLOR of Cumberland, TYLER of Windham, WINGLASS of Auburn, WINN of Glenburn, WINSOR of Norway, YACKOBITZ of Hermon, Senator: FAIRCLOTH of Penobscot.

	Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two thirds of each
2	branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following
	amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:
4	Constitution, Art. V, Part Third, §6 is enacted to read:
6	Section 6. Qualifications.
8	1. Degree. The Treasurer must have a Bachelor of Arts or a
10	Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, public administration, finance, accounting or banking; a master's degree
12	in one of those areas; or a law degree.
14	2. Other qualifications. The Treasurer must have:
16	A. Held the office of chief financial officer, chief
18	<pre>executive officer, treasurer, comptroller, case management officer, investment officer, bond counsel or financial advisor in a private or public sector organization;</pre>
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22	B. Knowledge of issuance of public debt or private debt, including interactions with the banking community and financial markets, bond counsel and credit rating agencies;
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26	C. Knowledge of federal debt issuance requirements, including tracking and refunding arbitrage;
28	D. Experience in determining cash flow requirements and directing investments of idle cash and bond proceeds; and
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32	E. Knowledge of abandoned property statutes and reporting requirements.
34	; and be it further
36	Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective
38	date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall
40	notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding
4.2	a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday
42	following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment
44	proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:
46	"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to provide guidelines for the qualification of the Treasurer of State?"

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

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maine that provides for guidelines for the qualification of the Treasurer of State.