

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 36

In Senate, January 9, 1997

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Change the Process for the Selection of the State Treasurer.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle and
Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, HARRIMAN of
Cumberland, KIEFFER of Aroostook, LIBBY of York, Representatives: FISK of Falmouth,
GIERINGER of Portland.

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 V, Part Third, §1** is repealed and the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

8 **Section 1. Appointment.** The Treasurer of State is
10 appointed by the Governor for a 4-year term, subject to
12 confirmation by a 2/3 majority of the Legislature voting in
14 convention by a joint ballot of Senators and Representatives.

; and be it further

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

26 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to provide
that the Treasurer of State be appointed by the Governor
28 subject to confirmation by the Legislature?"

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

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

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SUMMARY

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4 This resolution provides for the appointment of the
Treasurer of State by the Governor subject to confirmation by a
2/3 vote of the Legislature.