

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 855

House of Representatives, February 20, 1997

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine  
to Establish 4-year Terms for Constitutional Officers.**

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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 "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator:  
NUTTING of Androscoggin.



2 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to  
establish 4-year terms for the Attorney General, the  
4 Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the State  
Auditor?"

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

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

26 This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine  
to establish 4-year terms for the Attorney General, the Secretary  
28 of State, the Treasurer of State and the State Auditor.