

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1861

S.P. 639

In Senate, May 2, 1997

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Provide Equal Educational Funding.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs 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 PARADIS of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative BELANGER of Wallagrass and
Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, MURRAY of Penobscot, Representatives: AHEARNE of
Madawaska, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DESMOND of Mapleton, JOY of Crystal,
KNEELAND of Easton, PERRY of Bangor.

2 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
4 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes
6 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

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

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SUMMARY

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This resolution amends the Constitution of Maine to require
18 that the Legislature ensure that funding is available to provide
equal educational opportunities to students at public schools
20 throughout the State.