

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 712

In Senate, March 24, 1999

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Set a Date for Submission of Legislation by the Governor.**

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 CAREY of Kennebec.

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

6 **Constitution, Art. V, Part First, §9 is amended to read:**

8 **Section 9. To give information and recommend measures.** The
9 Governor shall from time to time give the Legislature information
10 of the condition of the State, and recommend to their
11 consideration such measures, as the Governor may judge
12 expedient. The Governor shall submit all legislation on or
before the date by which Legislators must submit legislation.

14 ; and be it further

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

26 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to require
27 the Governor to submit legislation on or before the same
28 date by which Legislators must submit legislation?"

30 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
31 vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
32 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below
33 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
34 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
35 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
36 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
37 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
39 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
43 Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
44 and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution
45 necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

46 **SUMMARY**

48 This constitutional resolution requires the Governor to
50 submit legislation on or before the date by which Legislators
must submit legislation.