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House of Representatives, March 5, 2001

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Provide for the Popular Election of the Constitutional Officers and
State Auditor.**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday 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:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to provide that the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the State Auditor and the Treasurer of State be elected by the people biennially in the same manner as members of the Senate and the House of Representatives?"

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.

SUMMARY

This resolution provides for direct popular election of the State's constitutional officers and the State Auditor in the manner currently provided for Senators and Representatives.