

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 153

H.P. 136

House of Representatives, January 25, 2011

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**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine To Provide for the Reduction of the Size of the Legislature**

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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 "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HINCK of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, DOW of Waldoboro, MAZUREK of Rockland, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, KATZ of Kennebec, Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, HARVELL of Farmington, NELSON of Falmouth, PLUMMER of Windham, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, HASTINGS of Oxford, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.



1 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of  
2 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall  
3 review the returns. If it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the  
4 amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment  
5 becomes part of the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation; and be it  
6 further

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

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce the size of the  
12 House of Representatives from 151 members to 101 members and the size of the Senate  
13 from no more than 35 members and no less than 31 members to 23 members. The  
14 redistricting will be done in 2013 during the First Regular Session of the 126th  
15 Legislature, and the reduction in the size of each legislative body takes effect in 2015.