

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 41.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES relating to biennial sessions of the legislature and to biennial elections of governor, councillors, secretary of state, treasurer, senators and representatives, and attorney general, judges and registers of probate, adjutant and quartermaster' generals, sheriffs, land agent; and to fix the compensation of senators and representatives.

Resolved, two-thirds of both branches of the legislature concurring, That the constitution of this state shall be amended as follows :—In article second, fourth section, second line, by striking out the word “annually” and inserting the word “biennially.” In article fourth, part first, fifth section, thirty-third line, by striking out the word “annually” and inserting the word “biennially.” In article fourth, part second, third section, tenth line, by inserting the word “biennially” after the word “January;” and in

11 same article, fourth section, third line, by inserting
12 the word "biennially" after the word "January;"
13 and in same article, fifth section, second line, by
14 striking out the word "annually" and inserting the
15 word "biennially." In article fifth, part first, second
16 section, second line, by striking out the words "one
17 year" and inserting the words "two years;" and in
18 third line of same article and section, by striking out
19 the words "in each year" and inserting the words
20 "in the year his election is declared." In article
21 fifth, part second, second section, first line, by strik-
22 ing out the word "annually" and inserting the word
23 "biennially." In article fifth, part third, first sec-
24 tion, first line, by striking out the word "annually"
25 and inserting the word "biennially." In article fifth,
26 part fourth, first section, first line, by striking out the
27 word "annually" and inserting the word "bienni-
28 ally." Article sixth as amended, section seven, third
29 line, by striking out the word "annual" and inserting
30 the word "biennial." In same article and section,
31 eleventh line, by striking out the word "thereafter"
32 and inserting the words "after another election has
33 been held." In seventh article, third section as
34 amended, fourth line, by striking out the word "annu-
35 ally" and inserting the word "biennially." In arti-
36 cle ninth, fourth section, second line, by striking out

37 the word "annually" and inserting the word "bien-
38 nially." In article ninth as amended, ninth section,
39 third line, by inserting after the word "September"
40 the word "biennially." In ninth article as amended,
41 tenth section, second line, by striking out the word
42 "annually" and inserting the word "biennially."

• 43 The fourth article, part third, shall be amended by
44 inserting at the end thereof the following section :

45 *Sect. 13.* Each member of the senate and house of
46 representatives shall be paid at the close of the session
47 of the legislature next after his election two hundred
48 dollars, and three dollars for every ten miles of travel
49 from his place of abode at each session ; and at extra
50 sessions called by the governor under this constitution,
51 three dollars per day for each day such session shall
52 continue. And the compensation provided in this
53 section shall not be increased. In all cases of biennial
54 elections provided for in this resolve, the first elections
55 shall take place on the days and times herein pre-
56 scribed occurring next after the amendment providing
57 for such elections shall have been declared by the legis-
58 lature to be adopted as a part of the constitution.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities and the select-
2 men of the several towns and the assessors of the
3 several plantations in the state, are hereby empowered
4 and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective

5 cities, towns and plantations in the manner prescribed
6 by law at the annual meeting in September next, to
7 give in their votes upon the amendments proposed in
8 the foregoing resolve ; and the question shall be, shall
9 the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve
10 of the legislature providing that the legislature shall
11 convene, the governor, councillors, secretary of state,
12 treasurer, senators and representatives, judges and
13 registers of probate, adjutant general and quarter-
14 master general, sheriffs, land agent and attorney gen-
15 eral shall be chosen, as provided by the constitution,
16 biennially, and fix the pay of senators and representa-
17 tives. And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and
18 plantations shall vote by ballot on said questions of
19 electing said officers biennially and to fix the pay of
20 senators and representatives, as provided in the fore-
21 going resolve ; those in favor of said amendments
22 respectively expressing it by the word "YES" upon
23 their ballots, and those opposed to the amendments
24 respectively expressing it by the word "NO" upon
25 their ballots ; and the ballots shall be received, sorted,
26 counted and declared, in open ward, town and planta-
27 tion meetings, and lists shall be made out of the votes
28 by the aldermen, selectmen and assessors and clerks of
29 the several cities, towns and plantations, and returned
30 to the office of the secretary of state, in the same man-

31 ner as votes for senators ; and the governor and coun-
32 cil shall count the same and make return thereof to
33 the next legislature, and if a majority of the votes are
34 in favor of any of said amendments, the constitution
35 shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare
2 and furnish the several cities, towns and plantations,
3 blank returns, in conformity to the foregoing resolves,
4 accompanied with a copy thereof.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 24, 1869.

Reported by Mr. LUDDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, read twice, and on motion of the same Senator, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*