

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 49.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE providing for an amendment of the constitution so as to authorize the legislature to call a constitutional convention.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both houses concurring and
2 deeming it necessary, that the following be proposed
3 as an amendment to the constitution of this state,
4 which when approved and adopted in the manner pro-
5 vided by the constitution, shall become a part thereof,
6 viz: Section four of article ten, shall be amended, by
7 adding thereto the following words: "and the legis-
8 lature by a two-thirds vote of both branches, may call
9 a convention to revise and amend this constitution, and
10 provide by law for the election of delegates to the
11 same; but no such revision or amendment shall take
12 effect until the same shall have been submitted to the
13 electors of the state and adopted by a majority of those
14 voting thereon."

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities and selectmen
2 of the several towns and the assessors of plantations
3 in this state, be and they are hereby directed to notify
4 the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
5 plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, to give
6 in their votes at the annual meeting in September
7 next, upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing
8 resolve; and the question shall be, shall the constitu-
9 tion be amended as proposed by resolve of the legisla-
10 ture providing that the legislature may call a conven-
11 tion to revise and amend the constitution? and the
12 inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations, shall
13 vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of said
14 amendment expressing it by the word "yes" upon
15 their ballots, and those opposed to the amendment,
16 expressing it by the word "no" upon their ballots;
17 and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted, de-
18 clared and recorded in open ward, town and planta-
19 tion meetings, and fair copies of the lists shall be made
20 by the aldermen, selectmen, assessors and clerks of the
21 several cities, towns and plantations, in the same man-
22 ner as votes for senators, and shall be returned to the
23 office of the secretary of state within twenty days after
24 said election. The governor and council, after the
25 expiration of said twenty days, shall forthwith exam-
26 ine and count the same, and if it shall appear that a

27 majority of the electors voting on the question, are in
28 favor of such amendment, it shall become a part of the
29 constitution; and the governor shall thereupon issue
30 his proclamation making known the fact, and shall
31 cause the same to be published three weeks successively
32 in the state paper and in each of the daily papers pub-
33 lished in this state.

Resolved, That the polls shall be opened on the second
2 Monday of September next, at nine o'clock in the
3 forenoon, in all the cities, towns and plantations in
4 this state, and shall be kept open until six o'clock in
5 the afternoon, and no adjournment or intermission
6 whatever shall take place until the same be closed.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 15, 1871. }

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S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*