

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 3.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE.

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AN ACT to provide for calling a convention to revise or amend the constitution of the State of Maine.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. That a convention to revise or amend  
2 the constitution of the State of Maine is hereby called  
3 to meet at the state house in Augusta on the first  
4 Wednesday of July next. Said convention shall con-  
5 sist of sixty members, eleven of whom shall be chosen  
6 for the state at large, and may be voted for by all the  
7 electors therein. No member of the present legisla-  
8 ture shall be eligible as a member of the convention  
9 for the state at large. Each of the seven councilor  
10 districts shall be entitled to elect seven members to  
11 said convention.

SECT. 2. The election of members of said convention shall be held on the fourth Monday of March next, and such election shall be in conformity to the laws regulating the election of state and county officers, including the registry of votes, the prevention of fraudulent and illegal voting, notices of time and place of meetings, and shall be conducted by the officers who conduct the general elections fixed by law.

SECT. 3. The returns of votes given, and the certificates of election to persons entitled thereto, shall be made in the same manner as provided by law for canvass and return of votes in elections for governor and members of the legislature.

SECT. 4. The members chosen to said convention, shall meet at the time designated, in the hall of the house of representatives. The convention shall be called to order by the secretary of state who shall administer to each member an oath to support the constitution of the United States, and this state, and to faithfully discharge his duties as member of said convention, and shall preside over the convention till it has organized by choice of president and secretary. The members shall be entitled to the same privileges to which members of the legislature are entitled; they shall elect one of their number president and appoint

13 one or more secretaries, and such other officers as their  
14 convenience shall require. The members of the con-  
15 vention, and the secretary, shall receive a compensa-  
16 tion for their services five dollars per day, and ten  
17 cents for each mile necessarily traveled in going to and  
18 returning from the seat of government. The subor-  
19 dinate officers shall receive such compensation as the  
20 convention shall by resolution direct, the amount due  
21 each person shall be certified by the president and  
22 secretary of the convention to the governor, who shall  
23 issue his warrant upon the treasurer of the state for  
24 the payment of the same ; it shall be the duty of the  
25 secretary of state, and all other public officers, to fur-  
26 nish the convention with all such statements, books,  
27 papers, and other public documents in their possession,  
28 as the convention shall order or require, and the secre-  
29 tary of state shall furnish the members with all such  
30 stationary, as is usual for the legislature while in  
31 session. The printing and binding required by the  
32 convention, shall be included in the contract for print-  
33 ing and binding made by the state for the present  
34 year.

SECT. 5. The proceedings of the convention shall be  
2 filed and the revisions and amendments made by them  
3 to the constitution shall be recorded in the office of the

4 secretary of state, and the constitution as revised or  
5 amended shall be submitted to the people of the state  
6 for adoption or rejection at the annual election for state  
7 and county officers to be held on the second Monday in  
8 September next, the convention shall prescribe the  
9 form and manner of voting, provide for the publication  
10 of the revisions or amendments, the notices for time of  
11 election, and the way and manner for the amended  
12 constitution to take effect after its adoption.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, January 14, 1871.

Presented by Mr. MORRIS of Cumberland, and laid on the table  
to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*