

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 2.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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*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 of the several towns and the assessors of plantations in this state, be and they are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, to give in their votes at the annual meeting in September next, upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolve; and the question shall be, Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by resolve of the legislature providing that the legislature may call a convention to revise and amend the constitution? and the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations, shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of said amendment expressing it by the word "yes" upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amendment, expressing it by the word "no" upon their ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted, declared and recorded in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and fair copies of the lists shall be made by the aldermen, selectmen, assessors and clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations, in the same manner as votes for senators, and shall be returned to the office of the secretary of state within twenty days after said election. The governor and council, after the expiration of said twenty days, shall forthwith examine 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 succes-  
32 sively in the Kennebec Journal.

*Resolved*, That the polls shall be opened and closed  
2 in all the cities, towns and plantations in the state, on  
3 the second Monday of September next, at the usual  
4 hours prescribed by law in the election of state and  
5 county officers.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state shall forward  
2 to the several cities, towns and plantations a sufficient  
3 number of properly prepared votes and blank returns,  
4 in conformity with the foregoing resolves, accompanied  
5 with a copy thereof.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, January 3, 1872.

Presented by Mr. MORRIS of Cumberland, and on his motion  
laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*