

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 7.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE concerning an amendment of the constitution of
Maine.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the Constitution
2 of this State be proposed for the action of the legal voters of
3 this State, in the manner required by the Constitution, to wit:

4 No. 2.

5 BRIBERY AT ELECTIONS.

6 SECTION 1. No person who shall receive, expect, or offer to
7 receive, or pay, offer, or promise to pay, contribute, offer or
8 promise to contribute to another, to be paid or used, any money
9 or other valuable thing as a compensation or reward for the
10 giving or withholding a vote at an election, or who shall make
11 any promise to influence the giving or withholding any such
12 vote, or who shall make or become directly or indirectly inter-
13 ested in any bet or wager depending upon the result of any
14 election, shall vote at such election; and, upon challenge for
15 such cause, the person so challenged, before the officers author-
16 ized for that purpose shall receive his vote, shall swear or affirm,
17 before such officers, that he has not received or offered, does
18 not expect to receive, has not paid, offered or promised to pay,
19 and does not intend to pay; contributed, offered or promised to
20 contribute, and does not intend to contribute to another, to be
21 paid or used, any money or other valuable thing, as a compensa-
22 tion or reward for the giving or withholding a vote at such
23 election, nor made or become directly or indirectly interested
24 in any bet or wager, depending upon the result of such election.

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SECTION 2. The legislature, at the session thereof next after
2 the adoption of this section, shall, and from time to time
3 thereafter may, enact laws excluding from the right of suffrage
4 perpetually, or for a term of years, all persons convicted of
5 bribery at any election, or of voting at any election under the
6 influence of a bribe.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 13, 1875.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be empowered to procure such printing done as may be necessary in the transaction of committee business.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.