

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 9.

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:

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No. 4.

5 BIENNIAL ELECTIONS AND BIENNIAL SESSIONS.

6 The Governor, Senators and Representatives in the Legisla-
7 ture shall be elected biennially, and hold office two years from
8 the first Wednesday of January next succeeding their election.
9 And the Legislature, at the first session next after the adoption
10 of this Article, shall make all needful provisions by law in
11 relation to the tenure of office of all County officers. The first
12 election under this Article shall be in the year one thousand
13 eight hundred and seventy-six; and the Legislature shall
14 thereafter convene on the first Wednesday of January, bienni-
15 ally.

16 Section four of Article two, Section five of Part two, Arti-
17 cle four, Section one of Part three, Article four, Section two,
18 Part two, Article five, Section one, Part three of Article five,
19 Section one of Part four, Article five, Section four, Article
20 nine, and Articles nine and ten of the Amendments are amend-
21 ed by substituting the word "biennially," for the word "annu-
22 ally," wherever it occurs. Section two, Part one, Article
23 five, is amended by striking out all after the word "office," and
24 substituting therefor the words "for two years from the first

25 Wednesday of January next following the election." Section
26 thirteen of same Part and Article, Section four of Part four of
27 same Article, and Article nine of the Amendments are amended
28 by substituting the word "biennial" for the word "annual,"
29 wherever it occurs, except in Section eight in reference to Mu-
30 nicipal and Police Judges. Section four of Article ten is
31 amended by substituting the words "biennial meetings in the
32 month of November," for the words "annual meetings in the
33 month of September." Article ten of the Amendments is
34 further amended in paragraph two, as printed in the Revised
35 Statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, relative to the
36 voting of persons in the military service, so that said para-
37 graph shall read as follows: "Citizens of this State, absent
38 therefrom in the military service of the United States, and not
39 in the regular army, being otherwise qualified electors, shall be
40 allowed to vote, on the day fixed for the State election, for such
41 State and County officers as are chosen by popular vote, under
42 such rules and regulations as the Legislature may prescribe."
43 Section two, Part one of Article four, is amended, by strik-
44 ing out the words, "for one year from the day next preceding
45 the annual meeting of the Legislature," and substituting there-
46 for the words, "for two years from the day next preceding
47 the biennial meeting of the Legislature."
48 Article nine, Section seven of the Amendments, is amended,
49 by striking out the words "annual election on the second Mon-
50 day of September," and substituting therefor "biennial elec-
51 tion on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November,"
52 and is further amended, by striking out the words "September
53 election," and substituting therefor the words "November
54 election."

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*.