

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 14.

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. 9.

5 REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR.

6 SECTION 1. The Governor may suspend from office, the State
7 Treasurer, the Attorney General, and any Sheriff, County At-
8 torney, County Commissioner, Register of Probate, or Register
9 of Deeds, for insanity, or imbecility, or for corrupt practices,
10 or for gross and wilful non-feasance, or malfeasance in office,
11 after such officer shall have been furnished with specifications
12 of the charges against him, and has had opportunity to be
13 heard in defence ; and may appoint another person to perform
14 the duties of such suspended officer.

SECTION 2. If there shall be no session of the Legislature
2 after said suspension, and before the expiration of the term of
3 office of said suspended officer, then such suspension shall be
4 an absolute removal of such officer. But if there be a session
5 of the Legislature, after said suspension and before the expira-
6 tion of the term of office of such suspended officer, such sus-
7 pension shall not be a removal from office, unless the Legisla-
8 ture, after the examination of the charges which the Governor
9 shall submit to it, shall sanction the action of the Governor.
10 No person removed from office with the sanction of the Legis-

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11 lature for any official misconduct, shall be again eligible to the
12 same office. Vacancies in said offices by reason of removal
13 shall be filled by appointment, or by election by the Legisla-
14 ture, or by the people at the next election for Governor, Sena-
15 tors and Representatives, as the Constitution or law may
16 prescribe in relation to said offices.

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.*