

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 17.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES providing for an amendment of the constitution, forever prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and prohibiting their sale, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes, and the arts.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both houses of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment

3 to the constitution of the state be proposed, viz:
4 The manufacture of intoxicating liquors, not in-
5 cluding cider, and the sale and keeping for sale of
6 intoxicating liquors, are and shall be forever pro-
7 hibited.

8 Except, however, that the sale and keeping for
9 sale of such liquors for medicinal and mechanical
10 purposes and the arts, may be permitted under
11 such regulations as the legislature may provide.

12 The legislature shall enact laws with suitable

13 penalties for the suppression of the manufacture,
14 sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors,
15 with the exceptions herein specified.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen
2 of towns, and assessors of plantations in the state,
3 are hereby empowered and directed to notify the
4 inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
5 plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, at
6 the September election next ensuing after the pas-
7 sage and approval of these resolves, to give in
8 their votes on the question whether the amend-
9 ment to the constitution proposed in the foregoing
10 resolve shall be made; and the question so sub-
11 mitted shall be:

12 “ Shall the constitution be amended so as to pro-
13 hibit forever the manufacture, sale and keeping for
14 sale, of intoxicating liquors as provided by the said
15 amendment?”

16 And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and
17 plantations, shall vote by ballot on said question—
18 those in favor of the amendment expressing it by
19 the word “ Yes” upon their ballots, and those
20 opposed to the amendment by the word “ No”
21 upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received,
22 sorted, counted, declared and recorded in open

23 ward, town and plantation meeting, and lists of the
24 votes so received shall be made and returned to
25 the secretary of state in the same manner as votes
26 for governor. And the governor and council shall
27 open, examine and count the same, and make
28 return thereof to the next legislature, and if it
29 shall appear that a majority of the votes is in favor
30 of said amendment, the governor shall, by his pro-
31 clamation, declare such amendment to be adopted
32 and the constitution shall be amended accordingly,
33 to take effect on the first Wednesday of January,
34 in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hun-
35 dred and eighty-five.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall pre-
2 pare and furnish to the several cities, towns and
3 plantations, ballots and blank returns in conform-
4 ity to the foregoing resolves, accompanied with a
5 copy thereof. And that the aldermen of the sev-
6 eral cities, the selectmen of the several towns, and
7 the assessors of the several plantations in the state
8 shall provide at each polling place a separate box
9 to receive the ballots of the electors in relation to
10 the proposed amendment.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 24, 1883. }

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*