

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 41.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY-SEVEN.

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RESOLVE concerning an amendment of the Con-  
stitution of Maine.

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*Resolved*, That the following amendment to the  
2 constitution of this State be proposed for the action  
3 of the legal voters of this State in the manner  
4 provided by the constitution, viz:

“AMENDMENT.”

5 “The election of governor, senators and rep-  
6 resentatives shall be on the Tuesday next after the  
7 first Monday of November, biennially, forever.”  
8 Section four of article two is amended by sub-  
9 stituting the words ‘The Tuesday next after the first  
10 Monday of November’ for the words “the second

11 Monday of September” wherever it occurs in said  
12 section. The first election under this article shall  
13 be in the year one thousand eight hundred and  
14 ninety.

15 *Resolved*, That the aldermen of cities, the  
16 selectmen of towns, and the assessors of the sev-  
17 eral plantations of this State, are hereby empowered  
18 and directed to notify the voters of their respec-  
19 tive cities, towns and plantations, in the manner  
20 prescribed by law, at the meeting in September,  
21 A. D. 1888, to give in their votes upon the amend-  
22 ment proposed in the foregoing resolution; and the  
23 question shall be ‘Shall the constitution be amended  
24 as proposed by a resolution of the legislature, provid-  
25 ing that the election of governor, senator and rep-  
26 resentative shall be on the Tuesday next following  
27 the first Monday of November biennially; and the  
28 inhabitants of the said cities, towns and plantations  
29 shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor  
30 of said amendment expressing it by the word ‘yes,’  
31 upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amend-  
32 ment expressing it by the word ‘no,’ upon their  
33 ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted,  
34 counted and declared in open ward, town and  
35 plantation meeting, and lists of the votes so re-  
36 ceived shall be made and returned to the Secretary

37 of State in the same manner as votes for governor;  
38 and the governor and council shall count the same  
39 and make return thereof to the legislature; and if  
40 a majority of the votes are in favor of said amend-  
41 ment, the constitution shall be amended accordingly.  
42 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of State shall  
43 prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and  
44 plantations, ballots and blank returns in conformity  
45 to the foregoing resolves, accompanied with a copy  
46 thereof.

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#### MAJORITY REPORT.

The Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred the Order of the Legislature relating to amending the Constitution by changing the time for holding the gubernatorial election from the second Monday of September to the first Tuesday of November, have had the same under consideration and the undersigned being a majority of said committee ask leave to report that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

A. L. Lumbert,  
E. C. Goodnow,  
Frederic A. Powers,  
S. J. Walton,  
A. P. Wiswell,  
Lewis A. Barker.  
Fred N. Dow,  
J. H. Manley.

## MINORITY REPORT.

The Minority of Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred the order of the Legislature relating to inquiring into expediency of submitting to a vote by the people of a resolve amending the Constitution by changing the time for holding the State election from September to November, ask leave to report the accompanying Resolve, entitled "Resolve Concerning an Amendment of the Constitution of Maine."

H. M. Heath,  
J. C. Talbot.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 27, 1887. }

Majority and Minority Reports of Judiciary Committee, reporting respectively, "legislation inexpedient" and "resolve concerning an amendment of the Constitution" relating to Gubernatorial Election were presented, the first by Mr. Powers of Houlton, the last by Mr. Talbot of East Machias, and on motion of Mr. Powers same were tabled and ordered printed.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*