

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 380.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES concerning an amendment to the Constitution
forbidding the appropriation or use of Public Moneys or
Public Property for any Sectarian or Ecclesiastical Pur-
poses.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the Consti-
2 tution of this State be and hereby is proposed for the
3 action of the legal voters of the State in the manner pro-
4 vided by the Constitution, viz. :

“No money or property of the State, and no money
6 raised by taxation, by any town or city of this State,
7 shall ever be appropriated or used, or authorized to be
8 used, for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding,
9 by appropriation, payment for services, expenses or other-
10 wise, any church, religious denomination or religious
11 society, or any institution, society or undertaking, which

12 is wholly or in part under sectarian or ecclesiastical con-
13 trol. But this amendment shall not abrogate any act of
14 a prior legislature.”

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
16 towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this
17 State are hereby empowered and directed to notify the
18 voters of their respective cities, towns and plantations in
19 the manner prescribed by law at the next biennial elec-
20 tion to be held in September in the year of our Lord, one
21 thousand, eight hundred and ninety-four, to give in their
22 votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing
23 resolve, and the question shall be: “Shall the Constitu-
24 tion be amended as proposed by a resolve of the sixty-
25 sixth legislature of the State of Maine, concerning an
26 amendment to the Constitution forbidding the appropri-
27 ation or use of public moneys or public property for any
28 sectarian or ecclesiastical purposes?” and the inhabitants
29 of the said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by
30 ballot on said question, those in favor of said amendment
31 expressing it by the word “Yes” upon their ballots, and
32 those opposed to the amendment expressing it by the
33 word “No” upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be
34 received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward,
35 town and plantation meeting, and lists of the votes so
36 received shall be made and returned to the Secretary of
37 State in the same manner as votes for governor, and the
38 governor and council shall count the same and make
39 return to the legislature; and if a majority of the votes

40 are in favor of said amendment, the Constitution shall be
41 amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of State shall prepare and
43 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, bal-
44 lots and blank returns in conformity to the foregoing
45 resolves, accompanied with a copy thereof.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 22, 1893. }

Reported by Mr. HIGGINS of Limerick, from Committee on Judiciary,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*