

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 543

STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred the "resolve of the legislature relating to the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same be referred to the next legislature.

ALLEN,
SMITH,
DREW.

The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred "Resolve in relation to election of United States senators by direct vote of the people," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same in a new draft, under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

J. H. MANLEY,
F. E. GUERNSEY,
GEO. G. WEEKS.

The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred "Resolve in relation to the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same ought not to pass.

GEORGE C. WING,
A. L. LITTLEFIELD,
BARRETT POTTER.

NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

STATE OF MAINE.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

“Whereas, article V of the Constitution of the United States
2 provides that ‘the congress, whenever two-thirds of both
3 houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to
4 this constitution, or on the application of the legislatures of
5 two-thirds of the several states shall call a convention for
6 proposing amendments, which in either case shall be valid
7 to all intents and purposes as part of this constitution, when
8 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
9 states, or by convention in three-fourths thereof,’ etc., there-
10 fore, be it

“*Resolved*, By the senate and house of representatives of the
12 State of Maine that, under the authority of article V of the
13 Constitution of the United States, application is hereby made

14 to congress to forthwith call a constitutional convention for
15 the purpose of submitting to the states for ratification, an
16 amendment to the federal constitution providing for the elec-
17 tion of United States senators by direct vote of the people ;
18 and,

“*Resolved*, That the secretary of the State be, and is, hereby
20 directed to forward a properly authenticated copy of these
21 resolutions to the president of the United States, to the presi-
22 dent of the senate of the United States, and to the speaker of
23 the house of representatives of the United States.”

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 25, 1903.

Tabled pending acceptance either report by Mr. WEEKS of Fairfield, and with resolution in new draft ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*