

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 3

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES proposing an amendment of the constitution providing that the rights of citizens of the State to vote and hold office shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both houses of the legislature con-
2 curring, that the following amendment to the constitution
3 of the State be proposed, viz.: The rights of citizens of the
4 State of Maine to vote and hold office shall not be denied or
5 abridged on account of sex. Both male and female citizens
6 of this State shall enjoy equally all civil, political and relig-
7 ious rights and privileges.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns
9 and assessors of plantations, in the State, are hereby empow-
10 ered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective
11 cities, towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed by law
12 at the September election next ensuing after the passage and
13 approval of these resolves, to give in their votes on the ques-

14 tion whether the amendment to the constitution proposed in
15 the foregoing resolve shall be made. And the question so
16 submitted shall be: "Shall the constitution be amended so
17 that the rights of citizens of the State of Maine to vote and
18 hold office shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex?"
19 And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations,
20 shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the
21 amendment expressing it by the word "yes" upon their bal-
22 lots, and those opposed to the amendment by the word "no"
23 upon their ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted,
24 counted, declared and recorded in open ward, town and plan-
25 tation meeting, and lists of the votes so received shall be
26 made and returned to the secretary of State in the same man-
27 ner as votes for governor. And the governor and council
28 shall open, examine and count the same, and make return
29 thereof to the next legislature, and if it shall appear that a
30 majority of the votes is in favor of the said amendment, the
31 governor shall, by his proclamation, declare such amendment
32 to be adopted, and the constitution shall be amended accord-
33 ingly, to take effect on the first Wednesday of January, in
34 the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine.

Resolved, That the secretary of State shall prepare and
36 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots
37 and blank returns, in conformity to the foregoing resolves,
38 accompanied with a copy thereof; and that the aldermen of
39 the several cities, the selectmen of the several towns, and the
40 assessors of the several plantations, in the State, shall pro-
41 vide at each polling place a separate box to receive the ballots
42 of the electors in relation to the proposed amendment.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, January 10, 1907.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. MOORE of Saco,
and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*