

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 80

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*In Senate, Feb. 8, 1911,*

*Laid on table for printing on motion of Mr. Staples.*

*W. C. HANSON, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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JOINT RESOLUTION of the seventy-fifth Legislature of the state of Maine, making application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

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WHEREAS, we believe that senators of the United States  
2 should be elected directly by voters, and

*Whereas,* to authorize such direct election an amendment to  
4 the Constitution of the United States is necessary, and

*Whereas,* the failure of Congress to submit such amendment  
6 to the states has made it clear that the only practicable  
7 method of securing submission of such amendment to the  
8 states is through a constitutional convention to be called by  
9 Congress upon application of legislatures of two-thirds of  
10 all the states,

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the legislature of the state  
12 of Maine:

Section 1. That the legislature of the state of Maine here-  
2 by makes application to the Congress of the United States  
3 under Article 5 of the Constitution of the United States, to  
4 call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing  
5 amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Sect. 2. This resolution duly authenticated shall be deliv-  
2 ered forthwith to the President of the Senate and Speaker  
3 of the House of Representatives of the United States with  
4 the request that the same shall be laid before the Senate and  
5 the House.