

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE

NO. 1

In Senate, March 21, 1912.

Read and tabled for printing. 1000 copies extra.

W. C. HANSON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE providing for an amendment to the Constitution relating to the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature
2 concurring, that the following amendment to the Consti-
3 tution of the State be proposed, viz: The Twenty-sixth
4 Amendment to the Constitution adopted on the 8th day of
5 September, A. D. 1884, relating to the manufacture and
6 sale of intoxicating liquors is hereby amended by adding
7 thereto the following words:

'This section shall not apply to cities in which the manu-
9 facture, sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors
10 may be permitted under such regulations as the Legislature
11 shall provide and whenever fifty-one per cent of the legal
12 voters in any town petition the Legislature to grant to said
13 town the right herein granted to cities, such right shall be

14 granted. But in no case shall the Legislature permit the
15 manufacture, sale or keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors
16 in any city or town without making such permission con-
17 ditional upon its approval by the voters of said city or
18 town.'

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
20 towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this
21 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the in-
22 habitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations in
23 the manner prescribed by law, to vote at the regular state
24 election meeting in September in the year 1912 upon the
25 amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution and the
26 question shall be "Shall the constitution be amended as pro-
27 posed by a resolution of the Legislature, providing a method
28 of controlling the manufacture and sale of intoxicating
29 liquors?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and
30 plantations shall vote by ballot on said questions, those
31 favoring the amendment voting "Yes" and those opposing
32 voting "No" on their ballots, and the ballots shall be assort-
33 ed, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation
34 meetings and returns made to the office of secretary of state
35 in the same manner as votes for Governor and members
36 of the Legislature. And the Governor and Council shall
37 count the same and make return to the next Legislature and
38 if it shall appear that a majority of the votes are in favor

39 of the amendment, the Constitution shall be amended accord-
40 ingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and
42 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots
43 and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve
44 accompanied by a copy thereof.