

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 245

House of Representatives, Feb. 14, 1913.

*Tabled pending reference to a committee, by Mr. Plummer
of Lisbon and ordered printed.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, for an amendment of the constitution providing
for local option in taxation.

Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that
2 the following amendment to the constitution of the state be
3 proposed:

Sect. 8 of Article IX of the constitution is hereby amended
5 by striking out the words "by authority" and substituting in
6 place thereof the words 'for the purposes', so that said sec-
7 tion as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 8. All taxes upon real and personal estate, assessed
9 for the purposes of this state, shall be apportioned and as-
10 sessed equally, according to the just value thereof.'

Sect. 9 of Article IX is hereby amended by striking out
12 the words "in any manner"; also by striking out the period
13 after the word "taxation" and adding the following words:

14 'for state purposes; but the people of each city, town and
15 plantation are hereby authorized and empowered to regu-
16 late taxation and exemption within their corporate limits for
17 municipal purposes'; so that said section as amended shall
18 read as follows:

'Sect. 9. The legislature shall never suspend or surrender
20 the power of taxation for state purposes; but the people of
21 each city, town and plantation are hereby authorized and
22 empowered to regulate taxation and exemption within their
23 corporate limits for municipal purposes.'

'Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
25 towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this
26 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the in-
27 habitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations in
28 the manner prescribed by law to vote on the second Monday
29 in September in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen
30 upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolutions,
31 and the question shall be: "Shall the constitution be amend-
32 ed as proposed by a resolution of the legislature providing
33 for local option in taxation?"'

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations
35 shall vote by ballot on said question, those favoring the
36 amendment voting "yes" and those opposed "no" on their
37 ballots, and the ballots shall be assorted, counted and de-
38 clared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and re-
39 turns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same
40 manner as votes for governor and members of the legisla-

41 ture, and the governor and council shall count the same and
42 make return to the next legislature, and if it shall appear
43 that a majority of the votes are in favor of the amendment,
44 the constitution shall be amended accordingly

‘Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and
46 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots
47 and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolves
48 accompanied by a copy thereof.’