

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 2

In Senate, Jan. 7, 1913.

Presented by Senator Dutton of Kennebec, and on motion by Senator Dutton laid on the table for printing, pending reference to a Committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, ratifying an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, providing that the United States Senators shall be elected by the people of the several states.

Resolved, Whereas at the last session of the Sixty-second 2 Congress of the United States of America, held at Wash- 3 ington in the District of Columbia in the year of our Lord, 4 one thousand nine hundred twelve, it was resolved as fol- 5 lows, to wit:

“Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives 7 of the United States of America in Congress assembled 8 (two-thirds of each house concurring therein). That in 9 lieu of the first paragraph of section three of Article one

10 of the constitution of the United States, and in lieu of so
11 much of paragraph two of the same section as relates to
12 the filling of vacancies, the following be proposed as an
13 amendment to the constitution, which shall be valid to all
14 intents and purposes as part of the constitution when ratified
15 by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states;

“The senate of the United States shall be composed of two
17 senators from each state, elected by the people thereof, for
18 six years; and each senator shall have one vote. The elect-
19 ors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for
20 electors of the most numerous branch of the state legisla-
21 tures.

When vacancies happen in the representation of any state
23 in the senate, the executive authority of such state shall issue
24 writs of election to fill such vacancies; *provided*, that the
25 legislature of any state may empower the executive thereof
26 to make temporary appointments until the people fill the
27 vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the
29 election or term of any senator chosen before it becomes
30 valid as part of the constitution.’”

And whereas it requires the ratification of three-fourths of
32 all the states to make the proposed amendment a part of the
33 constitution,

Therefore, *resolved*, that the legislature of Maine hereby
35 ratifies and adopts the proposed amendment to the federal
36 constitution. That the Secretary of State of the State of

37 Maine be directed to notify the Secretary of State of the
38 United States at Washington, D. C., of this action of the
39 legislature.