

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 385

In Senate, Feb. 26, 1913.

Presented by Senator Richardson of Penobscot, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE for an amendment to the Constitution providing for the classification of property for the purposes of taxation.

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

Section 8 of Article IX of the constitution is hereby amend-
5 ed by striking out the whole of said section and substituting
6 in place thereof the following:

‘Sect. 8. The legislature shall have power to classify prop-
8 erty for purposes of taxation; and all taxes assessed by
9 authority of the state upon property of like classification
10 shall be apportioned and assessed equally, according to the
11 just value thereof.’

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
13 towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this
14 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the in-
15 habitants of their respective cities, towns and plantation in
16 the manner prescribed by law to vote on the second Monday
17 in September in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen upon
18 the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolutions, and
19 the question shall be: "Shall the constitution be amended
20 as proposed by a resolution of the legislature providing for
21 the classification of property for purposes of taxation?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations
23 shall vote by ballot on said question, those favoring the
24 amendment voting "yes" and those opposed "no" on their
25 ballots, and the ballots shall be assorted, counted and de-
26 clared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and
27 returns made to the office of secretary of state in the same
28 manner as votes for governor and members of the legis-
29 lature, and the governor and council shall count the same
30 and make returns to the next legislature, and if it shall ap-
31 pear that a majority of the votes are in favor of the amend-
32 ment, the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and fur-
34 nish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots and
35 blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolves
36 accompanied by a copy thereof.