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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 665

In Senate, April 2, 1913, P. M.

Presented by Senator Wing and laid on table for printing, pending first reading without reference to a committee, under suspension of the rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE relating to Amendments to the Constitution.

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

Section two in article ten as amended by the resolve of the 5 fifty-eighth legislature passed March fourth, eighteen hun-6 dred and seventy-nine and adopted September eighth, eight-7 een hundred and seventy-nine as amended by the resolve 8 of the seventy-third legislature passed March twenty-eighth, 9 nineteen hundred and seven and adopted September four-10 teenth, nineteen hundred and eight is hereby further 11 amended by inserting after the word "plantations" in the 12 seventh line of said section two the following words: 'in

13 the manner prescribed by law at the next biennial meetings 14 in the month of September or,' so that said section as 15 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. The legislature, whenever two-thirds of both 18 houses shall deem it necessary, may propose amendments 19 to this constitution; and, when any amendments shall be so 20 agreed upon, a resolution shall be passed and sent to the 21 selectmen of the several towns and the assessors of the 22 several plantations, empowering and directing them to 23 notify the inhabitants of their respective towns and planta-24 tions in the manner prescribed by law at the next biennial 25 meetings in the month of September or to meet in the man-26 ner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial 27 meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and 28 representatives, on the second Monday in September fol-29 lowing the passage of said resolve, to give in their votes on 30 the question, whether such amendments shall be made; and 31 if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting 32 on the question are in favor of such amendment, it shall 35 become a part of this constitution.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of 35 towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this 36 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the in-37 habitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations 38 in the manner prescribed by law to vote on the second Mon-39 day in September in the year nineteen hundred and thir-40 teen upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing reso-

41 lutions, and the question shall be: "Shall the constitution
42 be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature
43 relating to amendments to the Constitution."

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those favoring the amendment voting "yes" and those opposed "no" on their ballots and the ballots shall be assorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same and make returns to the next legislature, and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes are in favor of the amendment, the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and 56 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots 57 and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolves 58 accompanied by a copy thereof.