

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 103

House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Holley of North Anson.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE proposing an amendment to the constitution of the state of Maine, authorizing the legislature to divide towns into voting districts for purposes of holding elections.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Maine be proposed:

Section sixteen of article nine is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 16. The legislature may by law authorize the divid-

2 ing of towns into voting districts for all state and national
3 elections, and prescribe the manner in which the vote shall
4 be received, counted, and the result of the election declared.'

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
2 towns, and the assessors of the several plantations in this
3 state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the in-
4 habitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to
5 meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and hold-
6 ing biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of
7 senators and representatives, on the second Monday in Sep-
8 tember following the passage of this resolve, to give in their
9 votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing reso-
10 lution, and the question shall be: "Shall the constitution be
11 amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature grant-
12 ing to the Legislature power to divide towns into more than
13 one election district for the purpose of holding state and
14 national elections.

And the inhabitants of the said cities, towns and planta-
2 tions shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor
3 of the amendment expressing it by the word "Yes" upon
4 their ballots and those opposed to the amendment by the
5 word "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be re-
6 ceived, sorted, counted, and declared in open ward, town
7 and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of
8 secretary of state in the same manner as votes for Governor
9 and members of the Legislature, and the Governor and
10 Council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a

11 majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in
12 favor of the amendment, the same shall thereupon become a
13 part of the Constitution, and the Governor shall forthwith
14 make known the fact by his proclamation.

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