

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 268

House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1917.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Harman of Stonington.

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 providing for the Election on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November biennially of Governors, Senators, Representatives and other officers now required to be Elected on the Second Monday of September Biennially.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State be proposed for the action of the legal voters of the State in the manner provided by the Constitution, to wit:

Article II. Section four is hereby amended as follows,
2 namely, by striking out the words “second Monday of Sep-
3 tember,” in the second and tenth and eleventh lines of said
4 section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words ‘Tuesday
5 next after the first Monday in November.’

Article VI. Section seven is hereby amended by striking
2 out the words “second Monday of September” in the third
3 line thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words ‘On
4 Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.’

Article IX. Section ten is hereby amended by striking out
2 the words “second Monday of September,” in the second
3 and third lines and inserting in lieu thereof the words ‘Tues-
4 day next after the first Monday in November,’ and section
5 twelve of said article is hereby amended by striking out the
6 words “Second Monday in September,” in the ninth line and
7 inserting in lieu thereof the words “Tuesday next after the
8 first Monday in November.’

Resolved, That all the foregoing is proposed to be voted
2 on as one amendment and not as two or more several amend-
3 ments.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
2 towns and the assessors of plantations in this state are hereby
3 empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their
4 respective cities, towns and plantations in the manner pre-
5 scribed by law at the meeting in September in the year one
6 thousand nine hundred and ten to vote upon the amendment
7 proposed in the foregoing resolutions, and the question shall

8 be "Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a
9 resolution of the Legislature providing for the holding of
10 the election on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in
11 November biennially of Governors, Senators and Representa-
12 tives and other officers now required to be elected on the
13 second Monday in September biennially?" and the inhab-
14 itants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by
15 ballot on said questions, those favoring the amendment
16 voting "Yes" and those opposing it voting "No" upon their
17 ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted
18 and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
19 and lists of the votes so received shall be made and returned
20 to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner
21 as votes for Governor and members of the Legislature, and
22 the Governor and Council shall count the same and make
23 return to the next Legislature and if it shall appear that a
24 majority of the votes are in favor of the amendment, the
25 Constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State shall prepare and
2 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots
3 and blanks for returns in conformity to the foregoing re-
4 solves accompanied by a copy thereof.