

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 488

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*House of Representatives, March 6, 1917.*

*Printed under joint rules.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
the State of Maine Empowering the Legislature to Author-  
ize Towns to Divide into Voting Districts for Purposes of  
Holding Elections.

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*Resolved,* Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature  
2 concurring, that the following amendment to the constitu-  
3 tion of the State of Maine be proposed:

Section of article nine is hereby amended by striking out  
2 all of said section and substituting in place thereof the fol-  
3 lowing:

'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  
4 inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations  
5 to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and  
6 holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the elec-  
7 tion of senators and representatives, on the second Monday  
8 in September following the passage of this resolve, to give  
9 in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the fore-  
10 going resolution, and the question shall be: "Shall the con-  
11 stitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the  
12 legislature granting to the legislature power to authorize  
13 the division of towns into more than one election district  
14 for the purpose of holding state and national elections?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations  
2 shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the  
3 amendment expressing it by the word "Yes" upon their  
4 ballots and those opposed to the amendment by the word  
5 "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received,  
6 sorted, counted, and declared in open ward, town and plan-  
7 tation meetings, and returns made to the office of the sec-  
8 retary of state in the same manner as votes for governor  
9 and members of the legislature; and the governor and coun-  
10 cil shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a major-  
11 ity of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor

12 of the amendment, the same shall thereupon become a part  
13 of the constitution, and the governor shall forthwith make  
14 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.