

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 220

House of Representatives, March 3, 1921.

On motion of Mr. Wing of Auburn, 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Calling of a Constitutional
Convention.

Resolved: That there be and is hereby called a constitu-
2 tional convention for the purpose of amending the consti-
3 tution. Said convention shall meet on the first Monday of
4 January, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, at the state
5 house at Augusta and shall consist of one hundred and fifty-
6 one members, to be nominated and elected according to the
7 same provisions of law, as members of the house of rep-
8 resentatives with the exceptions hereinafter provided. The
9 members of said convention shall receive as compensation
10 one thousand dollars and travel as is now established by

11 law for members of the legislature and the said convention
12 shall be the judge of the election of its own members and
13 shall choose its own officers. It shall be the duty of said
14 convention to correct those violations of the constitution
15 which now exist, which by any means may be made therein
16 and to form such alterations and amendments as from ex-
17 perience shall be found necessary and to report the result
18 of their deliberations to the governor, who shall thereupon,
19 in accordance with law, submit on the second Monday of
20 September, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, to the qual-
21 ified electors of the State of Maine the result of the delibera-
22 tions of said convention in the proper form of question as
23 to whether the constitution shall be amended and adopted
24 in the form proposed and determined by said convention.

Resolved: That the aldermen of the cities, selectmen of
2 the towns and the assessors of several plantations in this
3 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the in-
4 habitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations
5 in the same manner prescribed by law at the next biennial
6 meeting in the month of September to give in their votes
7 upon the foregoing resolution and the question shall be,
8 "Shall a constitutional convention be called for the pur-
9 pose of considering the amendments to the constitution?"
10 and the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall
11 vote by ballot on said question. Those favoring the calling
12 of the convention voting "yes" and those opposed voting
13 "no" upon their ballots. Said ballots shall be sorted, counted
14 and declared in open ward, town or plantation meetings

15 and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in
16 the same manner as votes for governor and members of
17 the legislature, and the governor and council shall count
18 the same and if it shall appear that the majority of the
19 inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of calling
20 the constitutional convention, the governor shall forthwith
21 make known the fact by a proclamation.

Resolved: The election of the members of the constitu-
2 tional convention shall be held on the second Monday of
3 September, nineteen hundred and twenty-three. The pri-
4 mary election for nomination of candidates for the consti-
5 tutional convention shall be held on the third Monday of
6 June A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-three. The laws
7 relating to the nomination of candidates for the house of
8 representatives shall apply to the nomination of candidates
9 for the constitutional convention with this exception. There
10 shall be no party designation on the primary ballot and but
11 one form of primary ballot shall be used upon which shall
12 appear the names of all candidates. At the primary elec-
13 tion twice the number of persons to be elected delegates
14 shall be chosen from those nominated by nomination papers,
15 and those so chosen shall be deemed nominated as candi-
16 dates for delegate, and their names shall appear on the bal-
17 lot at said special election. At said election each city, town
18 or class towns shall elect the same number of delegates to
19 the constitutional convention as they are by law allowed
20 to elect representatives to the legislature. The laws apply-

21 ing to the regular election of members of the house of rep-
22 resentatives shall apply to the election of delegates under
23 this law.