

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 464

House of Representatives, April 5, 1921.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Amending the Constitution of Maine so as to
Authorize the Conservation, Storage, Control and Use of
Waters and the Development, Improvement, Transmission,
Utilization, Electrical Interconnection, Control and Sale of
Water Powers by the State.

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

‘The conservation, storage, control and use of waters, and
2 the development, improvement, transmission, utilization,
3 electrical interconnection, control and sale of water powers,
4 by the State of Maine, either directly or through such

5 public district or districts, as the legislature may authorize
6 and not otherwise are declared to constitute paramount
7 public uses, for the accomplishment of which the right of
8 eminent domain may be exercised, and in furtherance of
9 which the right of taxation may be employed; and the
10 legislature may also provide therefor and for the appor-
11 tionment to, and assessment upon, the lands and property
12 which shall, or may be benefited thereby, and according to
13 the extent of such benefits, the whole or any part of the
14 cost of such conservation, storage, development, improve-
15 ment, transmission, control, electrical interconnection, and
16 utilization of said waters and water powers, including the
17 cost of maintenance and operation thereof.'

That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and
2 the assessors of the several plantations in this state are
3 hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants
4 of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet
5 in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding
6 biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of
7 senators and representatives on the second Monday in Sep-
8 tember in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, to
9 give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the
10 foregoing resolution and the question shall be:

'Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a reso-
2 lution of the legislature so as to authorize the conservation,
3 storage, control and use of waters and the development,
4 improvement, transmission, utilization, electrical intercon-

5 nection, control and sale of water power by the state?’

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations
2 shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the
3 amendment voting “Yes” upon their ballots and those op-
4 posed to the amendment voting “No” upon their ballots
5 and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and de-
6 clared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and
7 return made to the office of the secretary of state in the
8 same manner as votes for governor and members of the
9 legislature and the governor and council shall count the
10 same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhab-
11 itants voting on the question are in favor of the amend-
12 ment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact
13 by his proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon
14 as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the
15 constitution.

. That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to
2 the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank
3 returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accom-
4 panied by a copy thereof.