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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 37

In Senate, Feb. 8, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Garcelon of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to Article Nine of the Constitution to Permit the Regulation and Restriction by Law of Advertising Signs and Devices within the Public View.

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

Article nine of the constitution is hereby amended by add-2 ing thereto the following section:

'Advertising on public ways, in public places and on pri-2 vate property within public view may be regulated and re-3 stricted by law.'

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 5 in the manner prescribed by law at the next biennial meet-6 ings in the month of September, to give in their votes upon 7 the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and 8 the question shall be: "Shall the constitution be amended 9 as proposed by a resolution of the legislature permitting the 10 regulation and restriction by law of advertising signs and 11 devices within the public view?" And the inhabitants of 12 said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on 13 said question; those favoring the amendment voting "Yes" 14 and those opposed voting "No" upon their ballots; said bal-15 lots shall be sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town 16 and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of 17 the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for gov-18 ernor and members of the legislature. And the governor 19 and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that 20 a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in 21 favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make 22 known the fact by a proclamation, and the amendment shall, 23 as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the 24 constitution.

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