

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 161

In Senate, March 25, 1921.

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L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Proposing Amendments to Sections One, Two, Four and Five of Part Two of Article Four of the Constitution, Increasing the Number of State Senators, and Providing a Fixed Basis for Their Apportionment.

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

“Sections one and two of part two of article four of the
2 constitution are hereby amended by striking out all of said
3 sections and substituting in place thereof the following, to
4 wit:

‘Sec. 1. The senate shall, on and after the first Wednes-
2 day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, consist

3 of thirty-nine members, to be apportioned by the legislature
4 every ten years among the several counties of the state, ac-
5 cording to the number of inhabitants therein; provided,
6 however, that no county shall have less than two nor more
7 than four senators.

Sect. 2. Senators shall be elected at the same time and for
2 the same term as representatives, by the qualified electors of
3 the respective counties.'

Sections four and five of said part two of article four are
2 hereby amended by striking out the word "district" wherev-
3 er it occurs, and inserting in place thereof the word 'county.'

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 to
5 meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and hold-
6 ing biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of
7 senators and representatives, on the second Monday in Sep-
8 tember following the passage of this resolve, to give in their
9 votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing reso-
10 lution, and the question shall be:

"Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a reso-
2 lution of the legislature increasing the number of state sena-
3 tors and providing a fixed basis for their apportionment?"

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 re-
7 turn made to the office of the secretary of state in the same
8 manner as votes for governor and members of the legisla-
9 ture and the governor and council shall count the same and
10 if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting
11 on the question are in favor of the amendment, the gover-
12 nor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclama-
13 tion and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of
14 said proclamation become a part of the 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 resolve
4 accompanied by a copy thereof.