

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 293

H. D. No. 59

House of Representatives, Feb. 3, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 5000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bartlett of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Amending the Constitution of the State of Maine so as to Prohibit Appropriations for Denominational, Sectarian, Parochial, or Religious Institutions and Purposes After December Thirty-first, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-six.

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

'After December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and twenty-
2 six, neither the legislature nor any branch of the state
3 government, nor any subdivision of the state, political or
4 otherwise, shall appropriate any money, lend credit, or con-

5 tribute any property or thing of value to or for any denom-
6 inational, sectarian, parochial, or religious school, institu-
7 tion, association, corporation, cause or purpose.'

That the aldermen of the cities, the selectmen of the towns
2 and the assessors of the several plantations in this state
3 are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhab-
4 itants 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
7 of senators and representatives on the second Monday in
8 September in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five
9 to 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 eighty-second legislature, by the addition of
3 the following paragraph:

'After December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and twenty-
2 six, neither the legislature nor any branch of the state gov-
3 ernment, nor any subdivision of the state, political or other-
4 wise, shall appropriate any money, lend credit, or contribute
5 any property or thing of value to or for any denomina-
6 tional, sectarian, parochial, or religious school, institution,
7 association, corporation, cause or purpose.'?"

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 the 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 hereof.