

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 213

S. P. 439

In Senate, Mar. 9, 1927.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Spear of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to Section Eight of
Article Nine, of the Constitution of the State of Maine,
Providing that no Taxes on Intangibles be Levied.

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

Section eight of article nine as amended by article thirty-
2 six, is hereby amended by striking out from said section
3 the following words: "But the legislature shall have power
4 to levy a tax upon intangible personal property at such rate
5 as it deems wise and equitable without regard to the rate
6 applied to other classes of property," so that said section,
7 as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 8. All taxes upon real and personal estate, assessed
2 by authority of this state, shall be apportioned and assessed
3 equally, according to the just value thereof.

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 second Monday in
6 the month of September, A. D. nineteen hundred and
7 twenty-eight, to give in their votes upon the amendment
8 proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall
9 be: “Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a
10 resolution of the legislature providing that no taxes on in-
11 tangibles be levied?”

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations
2 shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the
3 amendment expressing it by the word “Yes” upon their
4 ballots, and those opposed to the amendment by the word
5 “No” upon their ballots and the ballots shall be received,
6 sorted and declared in open ward, town and plantation
7 meetings, and returns made to the office of the secretary of
8 state in the same manner as votes for governor and mem-
9 bers of the legislature; and the governor and council shall
10 count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the
11 inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amend-
12 ment, the same shall thereupon become a part of the con-

13 stitution, and the governor shall forthwith make known the
14 fact by his proclamation.

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 and the constitution as of
5 the date of said proclamation, shall be amended accordingly.