

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 298

S. P. 650

In Senate, March 1, 1929.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Page of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution
Relating to the Sessions of the Legislature.

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

Section one of part third of article four of the consti-
2 tution as amended by articles twenty-three, twenty-five and
3 thirty-one of the constitution, is hereby further amended
4 by striking out all of said section and inserting in place
5 thereof the following, so that said section as amended shall
6 read as follows:

'Section 1. The legislature shall convene on the first

2 Wednesday of January biennially, and with the exceptions
3 hereinafter stated shall have full power to make and estab-
4 lish all reasonable laws and regulations for the defense and
5 benefit of the people of this state, not repugnant to this
6 constitution nor to that of the United States. The session
7 so convened shall continue for a period not exceeding ten
8 days thereafter, except in case of emergency to be deter-
9 mined by two-thirds of the members thereof; a recess of
10 both houses must then be taken, in the absence of said emer-
11 gency, for a period of not less than thirty days. On the
12 reassembling of the legislature, no bill shall be introduced
13 in either branch of the legislature without the consent of
14 three-fourths of the members 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 to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and
6 holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the elec-
7 tion of senators and representatives on the second Monday
8 in September following the passage of this resolve, to give
9 in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the fore-
10 going resolution and the question shall be: "Shall the con-
11 stitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the
12 legislature relating to the sessions of the legislature?" And
13 the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall
14 vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amend-

15 ment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to
16 the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots and the bal-
17 lots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open
18 ward, town and plantation meetings and return made to the
19 office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes
20 for governor and members of the legislature and the gov-
21 ernor and council shall count the same and if it shall appear
22 that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question
23 are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forth-
24 with make known the fact by his proclamation and the
25 amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said procla-
26 mation 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.