

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 724

S. P. 508

In Senate, Feb. 20, 1931.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Aldrich of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, relating to rights of the states in the nomination
and election of United States Senators.

Resolved: by the Eighty-fifth legislature in session assembled, speaking for the people of the State of Maine, that the following is a statement of the rights of the people of the several states in connection with the nomination and election of United States Senators.

1. United States senators from the respective states are required to have only such qualifications as are specifically enumerated in the Constitution of the United States, and the senate of the United States has no power to require that its members shall have any further or other qualifications than those so specifically set forth in the Constitution.

2. Each state has the exclusive right of regulating and controlling conventions and primary elections held therein for the nomination of candidates of political parties for the office of senator of the United States, the exercise of which right is not subject to review or qualification.

3. A candidate of any political party for the office of United States senator who possesses the qualifications specifically enumerated in the Constitution of the United States; who is nominated under and pursuant to the laws of his state regulating and controlling conventions or primary

elections; and who is elected as such senator in accordance with and in conformity to the election laws of this state, which laws do not conflict with the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, or with any federal law, passed under the authority of the Constitution, is entitled to a seat in the United States senate and to represent his state therein, provided that after his election he has been guilty of no action warranting his expulsion therefrom.

4. The electorate of each state alone by their votes may determine what, if any, qualifications other than those so enumerated they require of any particular candidate for said office and such determination is final and not subject to repeal, rejection or nullification.

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution certified to by the Secretary of State under the seal of the state be forwarded to the presiding officers of the legislatures of the several states which are in session.