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Legislative Document

No. 265

H. P. 858

House of Representatives, Feb. 1, 1933.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sterling of Caratunk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
THREE

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment of Article 31 to the Constitution.

Article 31 of Constitution amended. Resolved: That section 17 of part first of article 4 of the constitution as amended by article 31 is hereby further amended by striking out the word "ten" in the first line thereof and inserting in place thereof the word 'twenty' and by adding at the end thereof the following: 'It shall be unlawful for any paid solicitors to secure names on any such petition' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Upon written petition of not less than ~~ten~~ twenty thousand electors, addressed to the governor and filed in the office of the secretary of state within ninety days after the recess of the legislature, requesting that one or more acts, bills, resolves or resolutions, or part or parts thereof passed by the legislature, but not then in effect by reason of the provisions of the preceding section, be referred to the people, such acts, bills, resolves, or resolutions or part or parts thereof as are specified in such petition shall not take effect until thirty days after the governor shall have announced by public proclamation that the same have been ratified by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a general or special election. As soon as it appears that the effect of any act, bill, resolve or resolution or part or parts thereof has been suspended by petition in manner aforesaid, the governor by public proclamation shall give notice thereof and of the time when such

measure is to be voted on by the people, which shall be at the next general election not less than sixty days after such proclamation, or in case of no general election within six months thereafter the governor may, and if so requested in said written petition therefor, shall order such measure submitted to the people at a special election not less than four nor more than six months after his proclamation thereof. **It shall be unlawful for any paid solicitors to secure names on any such petition;** and be it further

Form of question and date when amendment it to be voted on. Resolved: That the municipal officers of the cities and towns, and the assessors of the several plantations in this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators, at a special election to be called by the governor to be held on the eleventh day of September, nineteen hundred thirty-three, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be: "shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature proposing an amendment to Article 31 to the constitution?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said questions, those in favor of the amendment expressing it by the word "yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment by the word "no" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted, and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for the governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, it shall thereupon become a part of the constitution, and the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation; and be it further

Secretary of state shall furnish ballots. Resolved: That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.