

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 294

In Senate, February 5, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and sent down for concurrence.  
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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Chamberlain of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for  
a Four Year Term for Governor.**

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**Constitutional amendment. Resolved:** Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be, and hereby is, proposed:

**Article V, Part 1, section 2, constitution, amended.** Section 2 of Article V, Part 1, of the constitution, as amended by Article XXIII of the constitution is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. The governor shall be elected by the qualified electors, and shall hold his office for ~~two~~ **four** years from the first Wednesday of January next following the election, **and shall not be eligible for reelection to succeed himself.**

**Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved:** That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, on the 2nd Monday in September following the passage of

this resolve, 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 providing for a Four Year Term for Governor?”

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting “Yes” upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting “No” upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for 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, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the constitution.

**Secretary of state shall prepare 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.