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S. P. 354

In Senate, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and 650 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Farris of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for the Appointment of the Secretary of State by the Governor with the Advice and Consent of the Council, for a Term of Four Years.

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

Article V, Part Third, § 1, constitution, amended. Section 1 of part third of Article V of the constitution, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. The secretary of state shall be ~~chosen biennially at the first session of the legislature, by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention~~ **appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, and shall hold his office for a term of four years unless removed by the governor and council.'**

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, at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the forgoing resolution, and the question shall be:

“Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature to provide for the appointment of the secretary of state by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, for a term of four years?”

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 returns 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.