

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1130

S. P. 546

In Senate, April 8, 1941.

Reported by Majority from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for
Appointment of the Treasurer of State by the Governor and Council.**

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

Sec. 1. Article V, Part Fourth, § 1, constitution, amended. Section 1 of Part Fourth of Article V of the constitution, as amended by Articles XXIII and XXVII thereof, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 1. The treasurer shall be ~~chosen biennially, at the first session of the Legislature, by joint ballot of the Senators and Representatives in convention, but shall not be eligible more than six years successively~~ appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council to serve for 3 years or during the pleasure of the governor and council. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled by appointment for a like term.’

Sec. 2. Article V, Part Fourth, § 2, constitution, amended. Section 2 of Part Fourth of Article V of the constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 2. The treasurer shall, before entering on the duties of his office,

give bond to the state, with sureties, to the satisfaction of the ~~Legislature~~ **governor**, for the faithful discharge of his trust.'

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, 1942, 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 to provide for appointment of the treasurer of state by the governor and council?" 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, 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.

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.