

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1850.

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Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820, February 26, 1840,  
and March 16, 1842.  
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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 274.

Resolve providing for an amendment to the constitution in relation to the meeting of the legislature.

Amendatory to the constitution.

Resolved, Two thirds of both branches of the legislature concurring, that the constitution of this state shall be amended in the fifth section of the first part of the fourth article, by striking out the words, "the second Wednesday of May" and inserting instead thereof the words "the first Wednesday of January," and in article fourth, part second, sections third, fourth and fifth; article fourth, part third, section first; article fourth, part third, section first; article fifth, part first, sections second and third; article fifth, part second, section second; and article ninth, section fourth; by striking out in each of said sections, the words "the second Wednesday of May" and inserting instead thereof the words "the first Wednesday of January," and the provisions of the constitution shall be so amended that the period of the service of the governor, senators, representatives, councilors, secretary of state, and treasurer, next to be elected, shall commence on the second Wednesday of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and continue until the first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-three. And all officers of the state elected for the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-one, shall hold their offices till the year of our Lord eighteen and fifty three, and in the same manner as now provided; and there shall be no election of the same in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-one.

Change of the sessions of the legislature.

Tenure of state officers.

Duty of aldermen, selectmen and assessors.

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, in the manner prescribed by law, at the annual meeting in September next, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolve; and the question shall be, shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the legislature providing that the meeting of the legislature shall be on the first Wednesday of January, instead of the second Wednesday of May, and that the governor and other state officers elected for the political year commencing on the second Wednesday of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-one, shall hold their offices until the first Wednesday of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three; and all officers of the state elected for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, shall

hold their offices till the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and in the same manner as now provided ; and there shall be no election of the same in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-one ; and the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations, shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of said amendment, expressing it by the word "yes" upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amendment, expressing it by the word "no" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared, in open ward, town and plantation meeting, and lists shall be made out of the votes by the aldermen, selectmen, assessors and clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations, and returned to the office of the secretary of state, in the same manner as votes for senators ; and the governor and council shall count the same and make return thereof to the next legislature, and if a majority of the votes are in favor of said amendment the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, blank returns in conformity to the resolves accompanied with a copy of these resolves.

[*Approved August 21, 1850.*]

Chapter 275.

Resolve allowing the treasurer of state compensation for clerk hire.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars per year be allowed to the treasurer of state for clerk hire, commencing on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty ; and also the same sum annually in full compensation until otherwise ordered.

Clerk hire.

Resolved, That all resolves inconsistent with this resolve be, and the same are hereby repealed.

[*Approved August 23, 1850.*]