

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES

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CHAP. 89.

Chapter 89.

Resolve concerning an amendment of the constitution of Maine, relating to election of senators by plurality vote.

Amendment of constitution.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state, in the manner required by the constitution, to wit :

Election of senators by plurality vote.

Senators, election of.

Senators shall be elected by a plurality of the votes given in by the qualified voters.

Sees. 4, 5, art. 4, amendment of.

Sections four and five of article four, part second of the constitution, are amended by striking out the word "majority" wherever it occurs in said sections, and inserting instead thereof the word 'plurality.'

Approved February 24, 1875.

Chapter 90.

Resolve concerning an amendment of the constitution of Maine, relating to special legislation and corporations.

Amendment of the constitution.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state, in the manner required by the constitution, to wit :

Relating to special legislation and corporations.

Amend article four, part third, of the constitution, by adding thereto the following sections :

Provisions for special legislation

Section 13. The legislature shall, from time to time, provide, as far as practicable, by general laws, for all matters usually appertaining to special or private legislation.

Corporations, how formed.

Section 14. Corporations shall be formed under general laws, and shall not be created by special acts of the legislature, except for municipal purposes and in cases where the objects of the corporation cannot otherwise be attained; and, however formed, they shall forever be subject to the general laws of the state.

—subject to general laws.

Approved February 24, 1875.

Chapter 91.

Resolve concerning an amendment of the constitution of Maine, relating to taxation.

Amendment of the constitution.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state, in the manner required by the constitution, to wit :

Taxation.

Section eight of article nine shall be amended, by inserting after the word "real," the words 'and personal,' so that the section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 8, art. 9,
amendment of.

'Section 8. All taxes upon real and personal estate, assessed by authority of this state, shall be apportioned and assessed equally, according to the just value thereof.'

Taxes, assessment
of.

Said article shall be further amended by adding the following :

Taxation, power
of, not to be sur-
rendered.

'Section 9. The legislature shall never, in any manner, suspend or surrender the power of taxation.'

Approved February 24, 1875.

Chapter 92.

Resolve concerning an amendment of the constitution of Maine, relating to appointment of judges of municipal and police courts.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state, in the manner required by the constitution, to wit :

Amendment of
the constitution.

Appointment of judges of municipal and police courts.

The constitution shall be amended by striking out section eight of article six, and inserting the following :

Section 8. Judges of municipal and police courts shall be appointed by the executive power, in the same manner as other judicial officers, and shall hold their offices for the term of four years; *provided however*, that the present incumbents shall hold their offices for the term for which they were elected.

Judges of muni-
cipal and police
courts, how
appointed.

—term of office.

Approved February 24, 1875.

Chapter 93.

Resolve concerning an amendment to the constitution of Maine, relating to power of governor to pardon.

Resolved, That the following amendment of the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state, in the manner required by the constitution, to wit :

Amendment of
the constitution.

Power of governor to pardon.

Article five, part first, section eleven, shall be amended, by striking out of said section all after the word "repeives," and by adding thereto the following: 'Commutations and pardons,

Art. 5, part 1, sec.
11, amendment of