

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1880.

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RESOLVES
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Chapter 158.

Resolve providing for a Seal of the State.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be, and is hereby directed to procure a suitable seal, which shall be of the same form and device as the seal last in use and acknowledged as the seal of the state, and that said seal, when so completed, be deposited in the office of the secretary of state, and that the same shall become and be the seal of the state.

State seal, providing for.

Approved January 22, 1880.

Chapter 159.

Resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution, so as to elect the Governor by a Plurality, instead of a Majority, of Votes.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature concurring, that the constitution of this State shall be amended, in the third section of the first part of article five, by striking out the word "majority", wherever it occurs therein, and inserting in the place thereof the word 'plurality'; and a plurality of the votes cast and returned for Governor, at the annual September election for the year

Constitutional amendments, providing for.

Plurality substituted for majority.

CHAP. 160 eighteen hundred and eighty, shall determine the election of Governor for the years eighteen hundred and eighty-one and two.

Proposed amendment to be submitted to a vote of the people.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns, and the assessors of plantations, in the 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 so as to provide for the election of Governor by a plurality, instead of a majority." And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of said amendment voting "yes", and those opposed voting "no", upon their ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meeting; and fair lists of the votes shall be made out by the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns, and assessors of plantations, and signed by them, and attested by the clerks, and returned to the office of the Secretary of State within thirty days after the election. And the Governor and Council shall open, examine and count the same immediately after the expiration of said thirty days; and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast and returned on the question is in favor of said amendment, it shall then be a part of the constitution, and the Governor shall make known the fact by his proclamation.

Ballots, form, how received and returned.

Lists, opened and examined.

Governor to make proclamation, if adopted.

Secretary of state to provide blanks.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, blank returns, in conformity with the foregoing resolves, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved January 27, 1880.

Chapter 160.

Resolve in reference to new State Seal.

New state seal adopted.

Resolved, That the new state seal, procured by the secretary of state, under authority of the joint resolution passed on the twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one