

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 216.**CHAP. 216**

Resolves in favor of the State Prison.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars be appropriated for the benefit of the state prison, to be divided as follows: toward paying the debt, twenty-five thousand dollars; for repairs, eight hundred dollars; for library, two hundred dollars.

State prison, in favor of.

Resolved, That the prison inspectors are instructed to cause all accounts and indebtedness due the state prison to be collected, and all manufactured goods to be disposed of as fast as the interests of the state will allow.

Indebtedness to be collected and goods sold.

Resolved, That all debts and claims to be paid by this appropriation shall be first audited and allowed by the governor and council, and the governor shall draw his warrant for their payment. But this provision shall not be construed to prevent the warden from paying prison debts out of any surplus funds in his possession, or accruing from the sale of stock and collection of debts.

Debts and claims to be paid.

Approved March 18, 1880.

Chapter 217.

Resolves providing for an Amendment of the Constitution, changing the term of office of Senators and Representatives.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature concurring, that section two, article four, part first, of the constitution of this state, as amended under the "resolutions concerning an amendment of the constitution of Maine," approved the fourth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, shall be further amended by striking out the words "first Wednesday in January next succeeding their election," and inserting in place thereof the words 'day next preceding the biennial meeting of the legislature, and the amendment herein proposed, if adopted, shall determine the term of office of senators and representatives to be elected at the annual meeting in September, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, as well as the term of senators and representatives thereafter to be elected,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Proposed amendment to art. 4, part 1, constitution.

CHAP. 217

Terms of office of members of senate and house.

Legislature to ascertain number of inhabitants.

Apportionment of representatives.

Proposed amendment to be submitted to the people.

Ballots, form, how received and returned.

'SECT. 2. The house of representatives shall consist of one hundred and fifty-one members, to be elected by the qualified electors, and hold their office two years from the day next preceding the biennial meeting of the legislature, and the amendment herein proposed, if adopted, shall determine the term of office of senators and representatives to be elected at the annual meeting in September, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, as well as the term of senators and representatives thereafter to be elected. The legislature, which shall first be convened under this constitution, shall on or before the fifteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, and the legislature, within every subsequent period of at most ten years, and at least five, cause the number of the inhabitants of the state to be ascertained, exclusive of foreigners not naturalized and Indians not taxed. The number of representatives shall, at the several periods of making such enumeration, be fixed and apportioned among the several counties, as near as may be, according to the number of inhabitants, having regard to the relative increase of population. The number of representatives shall, on said first apportionment, be not less than one hundred and not more than one hundred and fifty.'

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns, and 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 change the term of office of senators and representatives, as proposed in said resolve?" 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 clerk, and returned to the office of the secretary of state, in the same manner as

votes for representatives; and the governor and council shall open, examine and count the same, and make return thereof to the next legislature; and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast and returned on the question is in favor of said amendment, the constitution shall be amended accordingly, and the amendment shall then be a part of the constitution, and the governor shall make known the fact by his proclamation.

CHAP. 218

Lists, opened and examined.

Governor to make proclamation, if adopted.

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.

Secretary of state to provide blanks.

Approved March 18, 1880.

Chapter 218.

Resolve in favor of the State Library.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is appropriated to purchase a full set of lithographed maps of the north eastern boundary of the United States, that the same may be placed in the library of the state.

State library, in favor of.

Approved March 18, 1880.

Chapter 219.

Resolve declaratory of certain amendments of the Constitution of Maine.

Resolved, That at the annual meeting in September, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, a majority of votes was given in favor of the amendments of the constitution proposed in the "Resolution concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine," approved the fourth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and that said amendments were thereby adopted and became a part of the constitution.

Amendments of constitution declared adopted.

Approved March 18, 1880.