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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1883.

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Chapter 92.**CHAP. 92**

Resolve in favor of an appropriation to build a bridge across Macwahoc Stream, in Macwahoc Plantation, County of Aroostook.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated to build a bridge across the Macwahoc stream, in Macwahoc plantation, on the military road from Lincoln to Houlton, and that the same be expended under the direction of the county commissioners of said county of Aroostook.

Bridge across Macwahoc stream, in favor of.

Approved February 19, 1883.

Chapter 93.

Resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution, forever prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and prohibiting their sale except for medicinal and mechanical purposes and the arts.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both houses of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of the state be proposed, viz: The manufacture of intoxicating liquors, not including cider, and the sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors, are and shall be forever prohibited. Except, however, that the sale and keeping for sale of such liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes and the arts, and the sale and keeping for sale of cider, may be permitted under such regulations as the legislature may provide. The legislature shall enact laws with suitable penalties for the suppression of the manufacture, sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors, with the exceptions herein specified.

Amendment of the constitution.

Manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, prohibited.

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 September election next ensuing after the passage and approval of these resolves, to give in their votes on the question whether the amendment to the constitution proposed in the foregoing resolve shall be made; and the question so submitted shall be:—'Shall the constitution be amended so as to prohibit forever the manufacture, sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors as provided by the said amendment?'—And the inhabitants of said cities,

Amendment to be submitted to people.

Form of question.

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towns and plantations, shall vote by ballot on said question, —those in favor of the amendment expressing it by the word 'yes' upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amendment by the word 'no' upon their ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted, declared and recorded in open ward, town and plantation meeting, and lists of the votes so received shall be made and returned to the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor. 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 is in favor of said amendment, the governor shall, by his proclamation, declare such amendment to be adopted, and the constitution shall be amended accordingly, to take effect on the first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

Ballots, how received.

Votes, returns of.

—how counted and declared.

Secretary of state to provide blanks.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots and blank returns, in conformity to the foregoing resolves, accompanied with a copy thereof; and that the aldermen of the several cities, the selectmen of the several towns, and the assessors of the several plantations, in the state, shall provide at each polling place a separate box to receive the ballots of the electors in relation to the proposed amendment.

Approved February 21, 1883.

Chapter 94.

Resolves relating to the valuation of the north and south halves of Township Number Two, north division, embraced within the limits of Grand Falls plantation, in the County of Penobscot, and taxes thereon.

Taxes on Township No. 2, N. D., Penobscot county, abated.

Resolved, That the treasurer of state be and is hereby authorized and directed to abate the state taxes assessed upon the north and south halves of township Number Two, north division, in the county of Penobscot, for the years eighteen hundred and eighty-one and eighteen hundred and eighty-two; that the county commissioners of Penobscot county be and are hereby authorized and directed to abate the county taxes assessed upon said half townships for said years, and that the treasurer of state withhold from said county the several sums