

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1885.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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### A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

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WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Maine, by the concurrent vote of both branches thereof, proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine, by resolves, approved February 21, 1883, as follows, to wit:

*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.

*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, 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.

*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.

And the lists of votes received in the cities, towns and plantations of the State, on the second Monday of September last, being the eighth day of said month, upon the foregoing proposed amendment, having been made and returned to the office of Secretary of State, and examined and counted by the Governor and Council, are found to be as follows, to wit: Seventy thousand seven hundred and eighty-three votes for, and twenty-three thousand eight hundred and eleven votes against, said proposed amendment.

Now, therefore, I, Frederick Robie, Governor of the State of Maine, in accordance with said resolves, a majority of the votes thrown appearing to be in favor of said amendment, do issue this Proclamation, and declare such amendment adopted, and the Constitution of the State shall be amended ac-

cordingly, to take effect on the first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, at Augusta, this third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the one hundred and ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

FREDERICK ROBIE.

BY THE GOVERNOR.

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*