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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 259.

Resolves for amendment to the Constitution relating to election of senators to fill vacancies.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Maine be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state at the next gubernatorial election in the manner prescribed by the constitution: Section five, in article four, part two, is hereby amended by striking out the words "and in this manner all vacancies in the senate shall be supplied as soon as may be after such vacancies happen," and substituting therefor the following: 'But all vacancies in the senate arising from death, resignation, removal from the state or like causes, shall be filled by an immediate election in the unrepresented district. The governor shall issue his proclamation therefor and therein fix the time of such election.'

Vacancies in senators, filling of.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the voters of their respective cities, towns and plantations in the manner prescribed by law at the meeting in September in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution and the question shall be: "Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature providing that vacancies in the senate, arising from death, resignation, removal from the state or like causes, shall be filled by an immediate election in the unrepresented district," and the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those favoring the 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 lists of the votes so received shall be made and returned to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same and make return to the next legislature, and, if it shall appear that a majority of the votes are in favor of the amendment, the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

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 by a copy thereof.