

ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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STATE OF MAINE.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the legislature of the State of Maine, by concurrent vote of both branches thereof, proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine, by resolve approved March 25, 1897, as follows, to wit:

Resolve 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.'

And the lists of votes received in the cities, towns and plantations of the State, on the second Monday of September last, being the twelfth day of said month, upon the foregoing proposed amendment, having been made and returned to the office of secretary of state, and examined and found by the governor and council to be as follows, to wit: Fifteen thousand and eighty votes for, and one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-six against said amendment.

Now, therefore, I, Llewellyn Powers, governor of the State of Maine, in accordance with said resolve, 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 accordingly, to take effect on the first Wednesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred ninety-eight.

In witness whereof, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, at Augusta, this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred ninety-eight, and in the year of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-third.

LLEWELLYN POWERS.

By the Governor.

Byron Boyd, Secretary of State.