

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
1913

Including Acts and Resolves of the Special Session held
in 1912.

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 55.

CHAP. 55

Resolve, Ratifying an Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, Providing that the United States Senators Shall Be Elected by the People of the Several States.

Resolved, Whereas at the last session of the Sixty-second Congress of the United States of America, held at Washington in the District of Columbia in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred twelve, it was resolved as follows, to wit:

“Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each house concurring therein.) That in lieu of the first paragraph of section three of article one of the constitution of the United States, and in lieu of so much of paragraph two of the same section as relates to the filling of vacancies, the following be proposed as an amendment to the constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the constitution when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the states:

The senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each senator shall have one vote. The electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislatures.

When vacancies happen in the representation of any state in the senate, the executive authority of such state shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies; provided, that the legislature of any state may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the constitution.”

And whereas it requires the ratification of three-fourths of all the states to make the proposed amendment a part of the constitution,

Therefore, resolved, that the legislature of Maine hereby ratifies and adopts the proposed amendment to the federal constitution. That the Secretary of State of the State of Maine be directed to notify the Secretary of State of the United States at Washington, D. C., of this action of the legislature.

Approved February 20, 1913.

Preamble.

Form of amendment.

Vacancies, how filled.

Tenure of Senators already chosen.

Amendment ratified.

Sec'y. of state of Maine shall notify Sec'y of State of U. S.