

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1917

Including Acts and Resolves of the Special Session of the
Seventy-Seventh Legislature held in 1916.

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1917

Chapter 1.

Resolve, in Favor of 12th Company, C. A. C., N. G. S. M. on Account of Presidential Inauguration.

12th Company, C. A. C., N. G. S. M. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of five hundred dollars to aid 12th Company, C. A. C., N. G. S. M., in the inaugural of the President of the United States in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Approved February 16, 1917.

Chapter 2.

Resolve, Reimbursing the State Legislative Printer for Overtime Work.

Kennebec Journal Co. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of two hundred nine dollars forty-two cents, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from June ninth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, for the purpose of reimbursing the Kennebec Journal

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Company for overtime work performed pursuant to its contract with the state, and at the request of the proper authorities of the seventy-seventh legislature.

Approved February 16, 1917.

Chapter 3.

Resolve, in favor of Rachel Stanley.

Rachel Stanley of Paris. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated three hundred dollars per annum for the years nineteen hundred and seventeen and nineteen hundred and eighteen, the said money to be paid Rachel Stanley of Paris in quarterly payments of seventy-five dollars each, under the supervision of the governor and council.

Approved February 20, 1917.

Chapter 4.

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Granting Suffrage to Women upon Equal Terms with Men.

Woman Suffrage, constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters, to wit, by adding thereto the following article:

“The right to vote or to hold office shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex; provided, however, that citizens by marriage only shall not be allowed to vote or hold office until after a period of residence in the United States equal to that required by law for the naturalization of men in this state. In the construction of this constitution the masculine pronoun shall be construed as including both men and women.”

Section one of article two of this constitution is amended by striking out the word “male” in the first line of said section.

Date of vote. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of the several plantations in this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns, and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, on the second Monday in September following the passage of this resolve, 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 granting suffrage to women upon equal terms with men?”

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,