

# 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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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,

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counted, and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of 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 if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, it shall thereupon become a part of the constitution, and the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation.

**Notification of municipalities.** Resolved: That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns, and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolves accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved February 23, 1917.

## Chapter 5.

Resolve in Favor of the Recording and Other Officers of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-seventh Legislature, for Services at the Organization of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-eighth Legislature.

**Organization of 78th legislature.** Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated to be paid to each of the following officers for attendance at the organization of the seventy-eighth legislature, the amount set against their respective names, the total being the sum of four hundred sixty-seven dollars.

	Service	Mileage
C. C. Harvey, clerk, service fifty dollars, mileage fifty-three dollars,	\$50 00	\$53 00
Fortunat Belleau, assistant clerk, service twenty-five dollars, mileage eleven dollars.	25 00	11 00
H. M. Rogers, messenger, service twenty-five dollars, mileage eighteen dollars.	25 00	18 00
F. H. Leonard, assistant messenger, service fifteen dollars, mileage nine dollars.	15 00	9 00
James H. Muldoon, postmaster, service fifteen dollars, mileage forty-two dollars.	15 00	42 00
Roger D. Sleeper, page, service fifteen dollars, mileage twenty-five dollars.	15 00	25 00
R. C. Frank, page, service fifteen dollars, mileage fourteen dollars.	15 00	14 00
E. S. Austin, document clerk, service fifteen dollars, mileage fifteen dollars.	15 00	15 00
N. S. Gray, door-keeper, service fifteen dollars, mileage, eighteen dollars.	15 00	18 00