

# 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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## Chapter 54.

Resolve, Reimbursing Samuel N. Packard for the Loss of Two Cattle.

**Samuel N. Packard.** Resolved: That the sum of one hundred fifty dollars be paid to Samuel N. Packard of Newburgh for the loss of two cattle afflicted with tuberculosis and that the live stock sanitary commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to pay the same from the appropriation "For prevention of contagious disease among horses and cattle."

Approved March 28, 1917.

## Chapter 55.

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine Empowering the Legislature to Authorize Towns to Divide into Voting Districts for Purposes of Holding Elections.

**Constitutional amendment—division of towns.** Resolved: Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine be proposed:

Section sixteen of article nine is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Section 16. The legislature may by law authorize the dividing of towns into voting districts for all state and national elections, and prescribe the manner in which the vote shall be received, counted, and the result of the election declared.'

**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 to the legislature power to authorize the division of towns into more than one election district for the purpose of holding state and national elections?"

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, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns made 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 if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the same 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