

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 96.

Resolve, Appropriating Money to Pay Ethel M. Wade, Stenographer and Typist to the Clerk of the House.

Ethel M. Wade. Resolved: That the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated to be paid to Ethel M. Wade of Augusta for services as stenographer and typist to the clerk of the House for services during the session of the seventy-eighth legislature, and for services to be rendered in the preparation of the printed journal, and in the preparation of the printed index appended to said printed journal.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 97.

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Article Seven of the Constitution Relating to Military.

Constitutional amendment relative to military. Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that article seven of the constitution be amended by striking out all of sections one, two, three, four and five of said article and substituting therefor the following sections:

Section 1. All commissioned officers of the militia shall be appointed and commissioned by the governor, from such persons as are qualified by law to hold such offices.

Section 2. The legislature shall, by law, designate the qualifications necessary for holding a commission in the militia and shall prescribe the mode of selection of officers for the several grades.

Section 3. The adjutant general shall be appointed by the governor. But the adjutant general shall also perform the duties of quartermaster general and paymaster general until otherwise directed by law.

Section 4. The organization, armament and discipline of the militia and of the military and naval units thereof shall be the same as that which is now or may hereafter be prescribed by the laws and regulations of the United States; and it shall be the duty of the governor to issue from time to time such orders and regulations and to adopt such other means of administration, as shall maintain the prescribed standard of organization, armament and discipline; and such orders, regulations and means adopted shall have the full force and effect of law.

Section 5. Persons of the denominations of Quakers and Shakers, justices of the supreme judicial court, ministers of the gospel and persons exempted by the laws of the United States may be exempted from military duty, but no other able-bodied person of the age of eighteen and under the age of forty-five years, excepting officers of the militia who have been honorably discharged, shall be so exempted unless he shall pay an equivalent to be fixed by law.

Date of vote. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of the several plantations in the state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities,

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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 article seven of the constitution relating to military be amended as proposed by a resolve of the legislature?"

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, 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 resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 98.

Resolve in favor of Securing Plans for a State Library Building.

Plans for state library building. Resolved: That the governor of the state and four other persons, to be appointed by him, one of whom shall be an active librarian, are hereby constituted a commission to investigate the needs for a state library building and report to the next legislature.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 99.

Resolve, in Favor of Improvement of the Navigation of the Fish River Lakes in the County of Aroostook.

Improvement of navigation on Fish River Lakes, Aroostook county. Resolved: That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to improve the navigation of the thoroughfares between Eagle lake and Long lake on the Fish river waters in the county of Aroostook provided, that there be raised and paid into the state treasury by the inhabitants benefited thereby, an equal amount, the entire sum to be expended under the direction of the governor and council. All money unexpended at the end of the year nineteen hundred and eighteen shall revert back to the state.

Approved April 7, 1917.