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STATE OF MAINE.

A Proclamation by the Governor

54 HOUR LAW REFERENDUM

Whereas, section seventeen of part third of article four of the Constitution as amended provides, "Upon the written petition of not less than ten thousand electors, addressed to the governor and filed in the office of the secretary of state within ninety days after the recess of the legislature, requesting that one or more acts, bills, resolves or resolutions, or parts thereof, passed by the legislature, but then not in effect by reason of the provision of the preceding section, be referred to the people, such acts, bills, resolves, or resolutions, or part or parts thereof as are specified in such petitions shall not take effect until thirty days after the governor shall have announced by public proclamation that the same have been ratified by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a general or special election.

As soon as it appears that the effect of an act, bill, resolve, or resolution or part or parts thereof has been suspended by petition in manner aforesaid, the governor by a public proclamation shall give notice thereof and of the time when such measure is to be voted upon by the people, which shall be at the next general election not less than sixty days after such proclamation, or in case of no general election within six months thereafter the governor may and if so requested in said written petition therefor shall order such measure submitted to the people at a special election not less than four nor more than six months after his proclamation thereof."

And Whereas, the legislature convening upon the first Wednesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, passed and the governor approved "AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND MINORS."

And Whereas, upon the above named measure, written petitions for a referendum have been duly filed in accordance with section seventeen of part third of article four of the Constitution as amended and hereinabove quoted;

Now, Therefore, I, Oakley C. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in accordance with said amended provisions of the Constitution declare that the above named measure is suspended and I do hereby designate the second Monday in September, being the eleventh day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, as the time on which the measure aforesaid shall be voted upon by the people of the state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, at Augusta, this tenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and fortieth.

[SEAL]

OAKLEY C. CURTIS.

By the Governor

JOHN E. BUNKER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE.

**A Proclamation by the Governor
SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

To The Mayors and Aldermen of the Several Cities, Selectmen of the Several Towns and Assessors of the Several Plantations of the State of Maine.

GREETING:

Whereas, a vacancy now exists in the representation of this State in the Senate of the United States, by the death of Hon. Edwin C. Burleigh, of Augusta, who was elected to that office for the term of six years by the legislature of nineteen hundred and thirteen, and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States provides that 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, and

Whereas, the laws of Maine, in accordance with said provision of the Constitution of the United States, provide that whenever a vacancy occurs in the representation of the State in the Senate of the United States, the governor shall issue his proclamation for an election to fill the same, and

Whereas, the governor has, by his writ of election issued this day, designated the fourth Monday of July next, being the twenty-fourth day of said month, as the day on which an election to fill the aforesaid vacancy shall take place, and

Whereas, the laws of the State of Maine provide that all nominations of candidates for the office of United States Senator shall be made at and by primary elections, and that when special elections are to be held for any office as required or permitted by law, primary elections for the nomination of candidates to be voted for thereat shall be ordered by the governor by proclamation, and he shall therein fix the time within which nomination papers shall be filed.

THEREFORE, you are hereby directed and required, in the name of the State of Maine, to notify and warn all legally qualified voters to attend at the regular voting places in the several cities, towns and plantations in the State on the fourth Monday of July, nineteen hundred and sixteen, being the twenty-fourth day of said month, for the purpose of voting for persons to be nominated by their respective political parties as candidates for the office of United States Senator at the election to be held on the eleventh day of September next as aforesaid, and Wednesday the fifth day of July is hereby fixed as the time within which nomination papers shall be filed with the Secretary of State by such candidates as desire their names to appear upon the primary ballot.

And you, the said Mayors, Aldermen, Selectmen and Assessors in conducting said primary election, and in making your record and returns of the same, are hereby directed to fully comply with all the provisions of the law relating to the nomination of candidates at primary elections and known as the Primary Election Law.

[SEAL]

Given at the Executive Chamber, at Augusta, this twenty-eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fortieth.

OAKLEY C. CURTIS,
Governor.

By the Governor,
JOHN E. BUNKER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

WRIT OF ELECTION

To the Mayors and Aldermen of the Several Cities, Selectmen of the Several Towns and Assessors of the Several Plantations of the State of Maine.

GREETING:

Whereas, a vacancy now exists in the representation of this State, in the Senate of the United States, by the death of Hon. Edwin C. Burleigh of Augusta, who was elected to that office for a term of six years by the legislature of 1913, and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States provides that 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, and

Whereas, the laws of Maine in accordance with said provision of the Constitution of the United States, provide that whenever a vacancy occurs in the representation of the State in the Senate of the United States, the Governor shall issue his proclamation for an election to fill the same,

THEREFORE, you are hereby directed and required in the name of the State of Maine, to notify and warn the inhabitants of your respective cities, towns and plantations aforesaid, in the manner in which the law directs, who are duly qualified to vote for Governors, Senators and Representatives, to assemble on the second Monday of September next, being the eleventh day of said month, to give in their vote in said meetings for United States Senator to fill said vacancy.

And you, the said Mayor, Aldermen, Selectmen and Assessors, in conducting said election and in making your records and returns of the same, are hereby directed to fully comply with all the provisions of the law relating to the election of National, State, District and County officers, and known as the Australian Ballot Law.

[SEAL]

Given at the Executive Chamber at Augusta, this twenty-eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fortieth.

OAKLEY C. CURTIS,
Governor.

By the Governor,
JOHN E. BUNKER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

A Proclamation by the Governor

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Whereas, the Commissioner appointed under Chapter 237 of the Resolves of 1915 to complete the sixth revision of the general and public laws of the State has completed his work and is now ready to submit the final draft of such revision to the Legislature, and

Whereas, the amendment to article four of the Constitution of the State, establishing a people's veto through the optional referendum, makes it extremely important that any general revision of the statutes be submitted to the Legislature for acceptance at least ninety days prior to its regular session; said amendment to the Constitution not seeming to permit the adoption of such revision under the emergency clause, and

Whereas, the provisions of section sixteen of Chapter 7 of the revised statutes, requiring that the balance of the sum received on account of Lands Reserved for Public Uses shall remain in the treasury, have become embarrassing, and the public interests seem to require some legislative action which will permit the use of the money now in the treasury to the credit of this account, and

Whereas, the inhabitants of the city of Portland desire to present petitions to alter the harbor line of Portland harbor, which is a matter of vital importance to the shipping interests of this State and one that demands the early and careful consideration of the Legislature:

In consideration whereof, I, Oakley C. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective chambers at the Capitol, in Augusta, on Friday, the 29th day of September, 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in order to receive such communication as may then be made to them, and to consult and determine on such measures as in their judgment will best promote the welfare of the State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at Augusta, this thirteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, 1916, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the 141st.

[SEAL]

OAKLEY C. CURTIS,
Governor.

By the Governor,
JOHN E. BUNKER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

A Proclamation by the Governor

RATIFICATION OF "BRIDGE BILL"

Whereas, Chapter 319 of the Public Laws of 1915 entitled "An Act to Provide for State and County Aid in the Construction of Highway Bridges," was referred to the voters at the State election, held September 11th, 1916, in accordance with provisions of section 14 of said act, and

Whereas, the returns filed in the office of the Secretary of State and examined by the Governor and Council show that a majority of the votes cast thereon were in favor of the ratification of said act; 96,677 votes being in the affirmative and 14,138 in the negative.

Now, Therefore, I, Oakley C. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in pursuance of further provisions of said section, hereby declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law on the first Wednesday of December, 1916.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta this twenty-eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-first.

OAKLEY C. CURTIS,
Governor.

[SEAL]

By the Governor,
JOHN E. BUNKER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

A Proclamation by the Governor

RATIFICATION OF THE 54-HOUR LAW

Whereas, Chapter 350 of the Public Laws of 1915 entitled, "An Act Relative to the Hours of Employment of Women and Minors," was referred to the people under the Constitutional provisions for referendum, as set forth in sections sixteen and seventeen, part third, of article four of the Constitution of the State of Maine, as amended, and was voted upon at the State election held September eleventh, nineteen hundred and sixteen in accordance with a proclamation issued by the Governor, August 10, 1915, and,

Whereas, the returns filed in the office of the Secretary of State and examined by the Governor and Council show that a majority of the votes cast thereon were in favor of said measure; 95,591 votes being in the affirmative and 40,252 in the negative,

Now, Therefore, I, Oakley C. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, by authority of section nineteen, part third, of article four of the Constitution of the State of Maine, as amended, do issue this proclamation, and declare said measure adopted, to take effect and become a law in thirty days after the date hereof.

[SEAL]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, this twenty-eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-first.

OAKLEY C. CURTIS,
Governor.

By the Governor,
JOHN E. BUNKER,
Secretary of State.