

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Acts and Resolves

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Seventy-Ninth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AT THE

SPECIAL SESSION

November 4-8, 1919

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Chapter 24, Resolves of 1919

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

'Sec. 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.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 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 the law.

Sec. 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.'

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 hold-

ing 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.

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.

(The fortieth amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine was proposed to the people by a resolve of the seventy-ninth legislature, approved March 8, 1919, and having been favorably voted upon by the people at a special election held September 8, 1919, the result of the vote was proclaimed by the Governor September 24, 1919, and the amendment, as proposed, became a part of the constitution upon the date of said proclamation.)

Chapter 110, Resolves of 1919

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Article Nine of the Constitution so as to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purposes of Building and Maintaining Public Wharves and for the Establishment of Adequate Port Facilities in the State of Maine.

Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed:

Article nine of the constitution is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

'Sec. 18. The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not to exceed the amount of one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, payable within twenty years at a rate of interest of four per centum per annum payable semi-annually; which bonds shall be issued serially under the direction of the governor and council. The said bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the building and maintaining of public wharves and the establishment of adequate port facilities in the State of Maine.'

Section fourteen of said article nine, as amended by article thirty-five, is hereby further amended by adding after the word "war" in the seventh