

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

Seventy-Ninth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AT THE

SPECIAL SESSION

November 4-8, 1919

Supplementary to the Acts and Resolves of the Regular Session.

Published by the Secretary of State, in accordance with the Resolves of the
Legislature approved June 28, 1820, March 18, 1840, and March 16, 1842.

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Chapter 108, Resolves of 1919

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Section One of Article Two of the Constitution of the State of Maine, Providing for the Continuation of the Right of Suffrage to a Person Otherwise Qualified to Vote for Governor, Senators and Representatives in this State, in the Town or Plantation where His Residence for Suffrage Purposes has been Established, for a Period of Three Months after his Removal therefrom to Another Town or Plantation within this State.

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 one of article two is hereby amended by inserting after the word "established" in the sixth line of said section, the following words: 'and he shall continue to be an elector in such town or plantation for the period of three months after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during said period;' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Every male citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, excepting paupers, persons under guardianship, and Indians not taxed, having his residence established in this state for the term of three months next preceding any election, shall be an elector for governor, senators and representatives, in the town or plantation where his residence is so established, and he shall continue to be an elector in such town or plantation for the period of three months after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during said period; and the elections shall be by written ballot. But persons in the military, naval or marine service of the United States, or this state, shall not be considered as having obtained such established residence by being stationed in any garrison, barrack, or military place, in any town or plantation; nor shall the residence of a student at any seminary of learning entitle him to the right of suffrage in the town or plantation where such seminary is established. No person, however, shall be deemed to have lost his residence by reason of his absence from the state in the military service of the United States, or of this state.

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 providing for the continuation of the right of suffrage to a person otherwise qualified to vote for governor, senators and representatives, in this state, in the town

or plantation where his residence for suffrage purposes has been established, for a period of three months after his removal therefrom to another town or plantation within this state?"

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.

(The forty-fourth amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine was proposed to the people by a resolve of the seventy-ninth legislature, approved March 28, 1919, and having been favorably voted upon by the people at a special election held September 8, 1919, the constitution was proclaimed by the Governor to be amended as proposed, said amendment to take effect and to become a part of the constitution upon the first Wednesday of January, 1920.)

STATE OF MAINE

RATIFICATION OF WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen
Resolve, Ratifying the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States
Extending the Right of Suffrage to Women.

Whereas, the Sixty-sixth Congress of the United States of America, at the first session begun and held at the city of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, by a constitutional two-thirds vote in both Houses adopted a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to wit:

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Extending the
Right of Suffrage to Women.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states.

"ARTICLE

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

"Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Maine hereby ratifies and

adopts this proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the State of Maine notify the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the President of the Senate of the United States, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States of this action of the Legislature by forwarding to each of them a certified copy of this Resolve.

In Senate Chamber, Nov. 4, 1919.

Presented by Mr. Folsom under suspension of the rules.

Read and adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

House of Representatives, Nov. 4, 1919.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. Baxter of Portland.
Tomorrow assigned.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

House of Representatives,

Augusta, Nov. 5, 1919.

On motion of Mr. Baxter of Portland was taken from the table, and on further motion by same gentleman, read and adopted in concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.