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AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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## Chapter 132.

### RESOLVE, in Favor of the Town of Jonesport.

Jonesport; appropriation for from bridge fund act. Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated, from the bridge loan fund, the sum of three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$3,250.00), to be used as part of the town of Jonesport's share of the cost of reconstruction of Cummings bridge, under the bridge act.

Approved April 3, 1931.

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## Chapter 133.

### RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution, to Provide for the Number of Senators.

Resolved: Sec. 1. Amendment of Art. IV, Part 2, Sec. 1 of the Constitution. Section one of part two of article four of the Constitution as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. The senate shall consist of the members to which the several counties are entitled, on the following basis of representation according to the Federal Census: each county having a population of thirty thousand inhabitants or less shall have one senator; each county having a population of more than thirty thousand inhabitants and less than sixty thousand inhabitants shall have two senators; each county having a population of more than sixty thousand inhabitants and less than one hundred and twenty thousand inhabitants shall have three senators; each county having a population of more than one hundred twenty thousand and less than two hundred forty thousand inhabitants shall have four senators; and each county having a population of more than two hundred forty thousand inhabitants shall have five senators. For the purpose of representation, foreigners not naturalized and Indians not taxed shall not be counted as inhabitants. The members of the senate shall be elected at the same time and for the same term as the representatives by the qualified electors of the counties which they shall respectively represent.'

Sec. 2. Repeal of Art. IV, Part 2, Sec. 2. Section two of part two of article four of the Constitution is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. Amendment of Art. IV, Part 2, Sec. 5. Section five of part two of article four of the Constitution as amended is hereby further amended by striking out the word "district" wherever it occurs and in-

serting in place thereof the word 'county' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**Sec. 5.** The senate shall, on the said first Wednesday of January, biennially, determine who are elected by a plurality of votes to be senators in each county; and in case the full number of senators to be elected from each county shall not have been so elected, the members of the house of representatives and such senators, as shall have been elected, shall, from the highest numbers of the persons voted for, on said lists, equal to twice the number of senators deficient, in every county, if there be so many voted for, elect by joint ballot the number of senators required; but all vacancies in the senate, arising from death, resignation, removal from the State, or like causes, shall be filled by an immediate election in the unrepresented county. The governor shall issue his proclamation therefor and therein fix the time of such election.'

**Sec. 4.** **Apportionment of the Senate in 86th and subsequent Legislatures.** Under the provisions of this resolve, if adopted as an amendment to the Constitution, the apportionment of senators in the eighty-sixth legislature on the basis fixed herein made by the eighty-fifth legislature according to the Federal Census of nineteen thirty shall be and continue in force until the taking effect of a reapportionment on the basis fixed herein made by a subsequent legislature according to the next Federal Census.

**Sec. 5.** **Form of question and date when amendment is to be voted on.** The municipal officers of the cities and 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 manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators, at a special election to be called by the Governor to be held on the fourteenth day of September, nineteen hundred thirty-one, 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 membership of the senate?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said questions, 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 the 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

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part of the constitution, and the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation.

**Sec. 6.** Secretary of state shall furnish ballots. 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.

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**Chapter 134.**

**RESOLVE, in Favor of the City of Eastport for the Care of William Price.**

**Resolved:** That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, to be paid to the city of Eastport for hospital care and treatment rendered to William Price, a patient in the Calais Hospital coming within the provisions of chapter thirty-five of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, said patient having received no aid from said city prior to his admission to said hospital and the date of said admission having been prior to the effective date of said private and special act. Said payment to be made to the city of Eastport upon satisfactory evidence furnished the state auditor that an equal amount has been paid to the Calais Hospital by said city.

Approved April 3, 1931.

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**Chapter 135.**

**RESOLVE, in Favor of the Town of Hampden for a Fishway.**

**Fishway at mouth of Sourdabscook stream; appropriation for. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, the sum of one thousand dollars in favor of the town of Hampden, to be expended for the building of a fishway to be placed in the dam at the mouth of Sourdabscook stream; said sum to be taken from the general maintenance funds of the department of inland fisheries and game.

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