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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS
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The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the words "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns, and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

Effective as provided in the Act

CHAPTER 2

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Repeal Provisions Relating to the Poll Tax and to Payment in Lieu of Military Duty.

Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of this State be proposed:

Sec. 1. Constitution, Art. VII, § 5 is amended to read:

Section 5. Persons exempt from military duty. 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.~~

Sec. 2. Constitution, Art. IX, § 7 is amended to read:

Section 7. Valuation. While the public expenses shall be assessed on ~~polls and~~ estates, a general valuation shall be taken at least once in ten years.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at the next general election in the month of November or special statewide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendments proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

“Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature to repeal provisions relating to the poll tax and to payment in lieu of military duty?”

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the words “Yes” or “No.” The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns, and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the amendments, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendments shall become part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation.

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CHAPTER 3

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Reduce and Combine the Guarantee Limits for the Insurance of Enterprises within the State, and to make Vessels Registered in the State Eligible for Such Insurance.

Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of this State be proposed:

Constitution, Art. IX, § 14, first sentence, is amended to read:

The credit of the State shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case, except as provided in sections 14-A, ~~14-B~~ 14-C, 14-D and 14-E.

Constitution, Art. IX, § 14-A is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Section 14-A. Authority to insure, appropriate moneys and issue bonds for the payment of industrial, manufacturing, fishing and agricultural mortgage loans. For the purposes of fostering, encouraging and assisting the physical location, settlement and resettlement of industrial, manufacturing, fishing, agricultural and recreational enterprises within the State, the Legislature by proper enactment may insure the payment of mortgage loans on real estate and personal property within the State of such industrial, manufacturing, fishing, agricultural and recreational enterprises not exceeding in the aggre-