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**CONSTITUTIONAL
RESOLUTIONS**

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED AT THE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

of the
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

1983

CHAPTER 1

S.P. 28 - L.D. 59

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to
 the Constitution of Maine to Provide Equality
 of Rights under the Law.

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

Constitution, Article I, §25 is enacted to read:

Section 25. Equality of rights. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged in this State because of the sex of the individual.

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 a statewide election, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November in 1984 following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended by a resolution of the Legislature to provide for an equal rights amendment?

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 word "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 purposes of this referendum.

Effective Pending referendum.

CHAPTER 2

H.P. 502 - L.D. 652

RESOLUTION, Proposing amendments to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Municipal Property Tax Loss Reimbursement Formula, to Change the Penalty for the Change of Use of Land Subject to Current Use Valuation and to Require a Two-thirds Vote for the Expenditure of Funds from the Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund.

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

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. 3, §23, as enacted by CR 1977, c. 5, is amended to read:

Section 23. Municipalities reimbursed annually. The Legislature shall annually reimburse each municipality from state tax sources for not less than 50% of the property tax revenue loss suffered by that municipality during the previous calendar year because of statutory property tax exemptions or credits enacted after April 1, 1978. The Legislature shall enact appropriate legislation to carry out the intent of this section.

This section shall allow, but not require, reimbursement for statutory property tax exemptions or credits for unextracted minerals.

Constitution, Art. IX, §8, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by CR 1977, c. 6, is amended to read:

2. The Legislature shall have power to provide for the assessment of the following types of real estate whenever situated in accordance with a valuation based upon the current use thereof and in accordance with such conditions as the Legislature may enact:

A. Farms and agricultural lands, timberlands and woodlands;