

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

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**CONSTITUTIONAL  
RESOLUTIONS**

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CHAPTER 1

H.P. 427 — L.D. 572

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Requiring Residency of Candidates at the Time of Nomination for Placement on the Ballot.**

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

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. First, §4 is amended to read:

Section 4. Qualifications. No person shall be a member of the House of Representatives, unless he shall, at the commencement of the period for which he is elected, have been 5 years a citizen of the United States, have arrived at the age of 21 years, have been a resident in this State one year; and for the 3 months next preceding the time of his election shall have been, and, during the period for which he is elected, shall continue to be a resident in the district which he represents.

No person may be a candidate for election as a member of the House of Representatives unless, at the time of the nomination for placement on a primary, general or special election ballot, that person is a resident in the district which he seeks to represent.

**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 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 to require a candidate for State Representative or State Senator to be a resident in the district which the candidate seeks to represent at the time he is nominated to be placed on any election ballot?”

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 voters 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. 484 — L.D. 651

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Insure the Preservation of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.**

**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, §16 is amended to read:

Section 16. To keep and bear arms. Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms for the common defense, and this right shall never be questioned.

**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 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 to clarify the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms?”

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 voters 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 pre-