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131st Legislature (2022-2024)

History and Final Disposition

LD 78 / HP0048

Original Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to Article X of the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Publication of Maine Indian Treaty Obligations. New Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require All Provisions in the Constitution to Be Included in the Official Printing. Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 03/07/23. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/14/23. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-479. Final Disposition: Finally Passed, CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION, Chapter 1. Approved at Referendum, 11/07/23 (In favor: 289,818; Opposed: 107,466).

Original Bill

[LD 78 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law

[LD 78 / Con. Res. 2023, c. 1](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf131-LD-0078.pdf)
[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(JUD\) \(03/07/2023\)](#)
[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(JUD\) \(03/16/2023\)](#)
- (Click audio link on committee page. Audio files may cover several bills.)

New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-479\) \(LD 78 2023\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, January 4, 2023 \(H-24-44\)](#)

p. H-33

[SENATE, January 4, 2023 \(S-24-51\)](#)

p. S-43

[HOUSE, June 14, 2023 \(H-820-855\)](#)

p. H-839 (Amendment(s) H-479)

[SENATE, June 14, 2023 \(S-1154-1212\)](#)

p. S-1204 (Amendment(s) H-479)

[HOUSE, June 16, 2023 \(H-901-919\)](#)

p. H-901 (Amendment(s) H-479)

[SENATE, June 20, 2023 \(S-1280-1327\)](#)

p. S-1293 (Amendment(s) H-479)

[SENATE, July 25, 2023 \(S-1531-1592\)](#)

p. S-1551 (Amendment(s) H-479)

Enacted Law or Resolve

[Con. Res. Res 2023, c. 1](#)

News Articles

Mills opposes restoring tribal treaty obligations to Maine Constitution (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 3/8/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0078/PPH 230308A.pdf)

Restoring treaties to the Maine Constitution is overdue (Diane Oltarzewski) (Bangor Daily News, 3/17/2023, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0078/BDN 230317G.pdf)

For Gov Mills, an invitation to dance with Maine tribes (Douglas Rooks) (Kennebec Journal, 3/23/2023, p. A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0078/KJ 230323A.pdf)

Lawmakers back reinserting obligations to tribes in copies of Maine Constitution (Patrick Whittle) (Bangor Daily News, 6/16/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0078/BDN 230616D.pdf)

Voters to decide on restoring tribal obligations to constitution (Patrick Whittle) (Bangor Daily News, 7/27/2023, p. B1, b2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0078/BDN 230727E.pdf)

Long-excluded section of Maine Constitution may make a comeback (Emmett Gartner) (Bangor Daily News, 10/3/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0078/BDN 231003D.pdf)

Yes on question 6 for better understanding with tribes (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 10/20/2023, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0078/BDN 231019B.pdf)

It should be easy to vote yes on Question 6 (Michael Cianchette) (Bangor Daily News, 10/30/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0078/BDN 231028D.pdf)

History shows why we must vote yes on Question 6 (Christopher M. Groden) (Bangor Daily News, 11/1/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0078/BDN 231101E.pdf)

Supporters of amendment to restore tribal obligations claim victory (Rachel Ohm) (Portland Press Herald, 11/8/2023, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0078/PPH 231108E.pdf)

Maine will print tribal obligations along with the rest of Constitution (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 11/9/2023, p. B1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0078/BDN 231109H.pdf)

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