

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 9.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES providing for an amendment of the constitution relating to the elective franchise.

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*Resolved*, Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature concurring, that the constitution of this state shall be amended by adding at the end of the second article, the following sections :

5    SECT. 5. Whenever any regiment of infantry, cavalry, artillery, or battery of artillery from this state shall be in the service of the United States by call of the president of the United States or under any act of congress on the day of the election of governor in any year, or on the day fixed by law for the election of electors of president and vice president of the United States, members of such regiment or battery, qualified by law to vote at such election in any city,

14 town or plantation in this state, shall be allowed to  
15 vote in the months of September, October or Novem-  
16 ber, for electors of president and vice president, gov-  
17 ernor, representative to congress, senators and repre-  
18 sentatives ; and their votes shall be counted as if  
19 thrown on the day of election in the city, town or  
20 plantation in which the persons thus voting have a  
21 legal right to vote.

22     SECT. 6. Such votes shall be cast under such reg-  
23 ulations as to the times, places and manner of voting,  
24 as the governor and council shall prescribe for the  
25 current year, and until such time as the legislature  
26 shall provide suitable regulations therefor ; and shall  
27 be received by such persons as may be designated by  
28 the governor and council or the legislature. The per-  
29 sons receiving such votes shall make return thereof to  
30 the secretary of state.

*Resolved,* The municipal officers of the cities, towns  
2 and plantations in the state are hereby directed to no-  
3 tify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns  
4 and plantations in the manner prescribed by law, at  
5 the annual meeting in September next, to give in their  
6 votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing  
7 resolve ; and the question shall be, “ Shall the consti-  
8 tution be amended, as proposed by the resolve of the

9 legislature, providing that persons in the military ser-  
10 vice of the United States from this state, and absent  
11 therefrom at the time of election, shall be allowed to  
12 vote?" and the inhabitants of said cities, towns and  
13 plantations shall vote by ballot on said amendment,  
14 those in favor of said amendment expressing it by the  
15 word "Yes" upon their ballots, and those opposed, by  
16 the word "No;" and the ballots shall be received,  
17 sorted, counted, and declared in open ward, town and  
18 plantation meetings, and a list of the votes shall be  
19 made by municipal officers, and returned to the office  
20 of secretary of state in the same manner as votes for  
21 senators, on or before the fourteenth day of October  
22 next; and on the fifteenth day of October next, the  
23 governor and council shall count the votes, and make  
24 proclamation of the result; and if a majority of the  
25 votes are in favor of said amendment, the constitution  
26 shall be amended accordingly.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state shall prepare and  
2 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations,  
3 blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolves,  
4 accompanied with a copy thereof.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 5, 1863. }

Reported by Mr. KINGSBURY of Portland, and on motion of  
Mr. CLAY of Gardiner, laid on the table and 350 copies ordered  
to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER, *Clerk.*