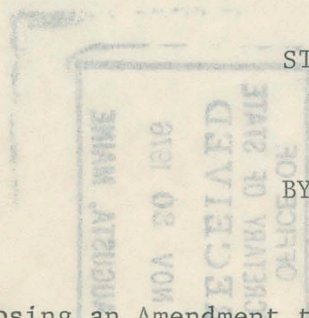


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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Allow Judges whose Terms of Office Expire or who Reach Mandatory Retirement Age to Continue to Hold Office for up to 6 Months until their Successors are Appointed.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Seventh Legislature of the State of Maine by a Constitutional Resolution passed by a concurrent vote of both branches March 16, 1976, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Article VI, Section 4, is amended to read:

'Section 4. Tenure of judicial officers. All judicial officers shall hold their offices for the term of seven years from the time of their respective appointments (unless sooner removed by impeachment or by address of both branches of the Legislature to the executive, and provided further that justices of the peace may be removed from office in such manner as the Legislature may provide); provided, however, that a judicial officer whose term of office has expired or who has reached mandatory retirement age, as provided by statute, may continue to hold office until the expiration of an additional period not to exceed six months or until his successor is appointed, whichever occurs first in time.'

WHEREAS, it appears by the returns of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said amendment as directed in the aforementioned Constitutional Resolution at the General Election on November 2, 1976, and reviewed by the Governor and Council on November 16, 1976, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

331,802 for, and  
105,278 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed and in accordance with the provisions of this said Constitutional Resolution, the amendment shall hereupon, as of the date of this proclamation, become a part of the Constitution.



Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the Two Hundred and First.

By the Governor:

Markham L. Gortley  
Secretary of State

James B. Longley  
Governor



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

General Election

Acceptance of Proposing Amendment  
to the Constitution to Allow  
Judges whose Terms of Office  
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to the Constitution, to wit:

Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph 1

Section 4. The Governor shall have the honor to receive and read the Proclamation of the Governor, and to sign the same. He shall also have the honor to receive and read the Proclamation of the Governor, and to sign the same. He shall also have the honor to receive and read the Proclamation of the Governor, and to sign the same.

MAINE, NOV 30 1976  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:



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