

State of Maine



Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Law and Constitutional Provisions Relating to Consolidating Initiative and Referendum Elections to Dates of the Next General Election.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Tenth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Constitutional Resolution passed by a concurrent vote of both branches May 11, 1981, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Article IV, Part 3, Section 18, sub-section 2, first sentence, as amended by CR 1979, c. 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

'For any measure thus proposed by electors, the number of signatures shall not be less than ten percent of the total vote for Governor cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition. The date each signature was made shall be written next to the signature on the petition, and no signature older than one year from the written date on the petition shall be valid. The measure thus proposed, unless enacted without change by the Legislature at the session at which it is presented, shall be submitted to the electors together with any amended form, substitute, or recommendation of the Legislature, and in such manner that the people can choose between the competing measures or reject both.'

WHEREAS, it appears by the return 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 Special Election on November 3, 1981, and reviewed by the Governor on November 23, 1981, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

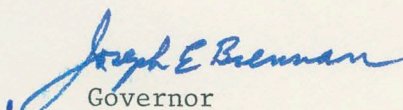
141,975 for, and
77,170 opposed;

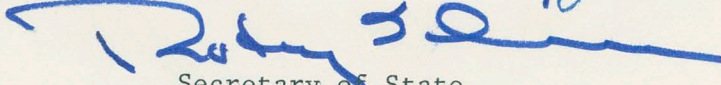
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. Brennan, Governor of the State of Maine do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed in accordance with the provisions of this said Constitutional Resolution, the amendment shall hereupon as of the date of this proclamation become a part of the Constitution.



Given at the office of
the Governor at Augusta
and sealed with the Great
Seal of the State of Maine
this twenty-third day of
November, in the year of
our Lord, One Thousand
Nine Hundred and Eighty-
one.

By the Governor:


Governor


Secretary of State