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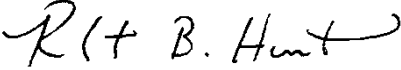
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House of Representatives, May 19, 2015

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine To Change the Selection Process for the Treasurer of State**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative STETKIS of Canaan. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

4           **Constitution, Art. V, Pt. Third, §1** is amended to read:

5           **Section 1. Election.** The Governor shall nominate and, subject to the same  
6 confirmation procedure as required by this Constitution for Justices of the Supreme  
7 Judicial Court, appoint the Treasurer ~~shall be chosen biennially, at the first session of the~~  
8 ~~Legislature, by joint ballot of the Senators, and Representatives in convention.~~

9           **Constitution, Art. V, Pt. Third, §1-A** is amended to read:

10          **Section 1-A. Succession to the office of Treasurer.** If a vacancy occurs in the  
11 office of Treasurer of State, the deputy treasurer of state shall act as the Treasurer of State  
12 until a Treasurer of State is ~~elected by the Legislature during the current session if in~~  
13 ~~session, or at the next regular or special session~~ nominated, confirmed and appointed in  
14 accordance with Article V, Part Third, Section 1.

15 ; and be it further

16          **Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date.**  
17 **Resolved:** That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their  
18 respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for  
19 holding a statewide election, at a statewide election held in the month of November  
20 following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment  
21 proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

22                    "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to change the process  
23 for selection of the Treasurer of State, requiring the Governor to  
24 nominate and appoint the Treasurer of State, subject to confirmation by  
25 the Senate, which is the same selection process used for Justices of the  
26 Supreme Judicial Court?"

27          The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
28 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding  
29 square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and  
30 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of  
31 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall  
32 review the returns. If it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the  
33 amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment  
34 becomes part of the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation; and be it  
35 further

36          **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State  
37 shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies  
38 of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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## **SUMMARY**

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This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to change the selection process for the Treasurer of State. Currently, the Treasurer of State is selected by the

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Legislature. This resolution proposes that the Governor nominate and appoint the

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Treasurer of State, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

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