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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1917

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STATE OF MAINE.

A Proclamation by the Governor

54 HOUR LAW REFERENDUM

Whereas, section seventeen of part third of article four of the Constitution as amended provides, "Upon the written petition of not less than ten thousand electors, addressed to the governor and filed in the office of the secretary of state within ninety days after the recess of the legislature, requesting that one or more acts, bills, resolves or resolutions, or parts thereof, passed by the legislature, but then not in effect by reason of the provision of the preceding section, be referred to the people, such acts, bills, resolves, or resolutions, or part or parts thereof as are specified in such petitions shall not take effect until thirty days after the governor shall have announced by public proclamation that the same have been ratified by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a general or special election.

As soon as it appears that the effect of an act, bill, resolve, or resolution or part or parts thereof has been suspended by petition in manner aforesaid, the governor by a public proclamation shall give notice thereof and of the time when such measure is to be voted upon by the people, which shall be at the next general election not less than sixty days after such proclamation, or in case of no general election within six months thereafter the governor may and if so requested in said written petition therefor shall order such measure submitted to the people at a special election not less than four nor more than six months after his proclamation thereof."

And Whereas, the legislature convening upon the first Wednesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, passed and the governor approved "AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND MINORS."

And Whereas, upon the above named measure, written petitions for a referendum have been duly filed in accordance with section seventeen of part third of article four of the Constitution as amended and hereinabove quoted;

Now, Therefore, I, Oakley C. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, in accordance with said amended provisions of the Constitution declare that the above named measure is suspended and I do hereby designate the second Monday in September, being the eleventh day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, as the time on which the measure aforesaid shall be voted upon by the people of the state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, at Augusta, this tenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and fortieth.

[SEAL]

OAKLEY C. CURTIS.

By the Governor

JOHN E. BUNKER,
Secretary of State.