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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1921

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STATE OF MAINE

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor.

Whereas; the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine, convening upon the first Wednesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, duly enacted a public law entitled, "An Act Granting to Women the Right to Vote for Presidential Electors", which law appears in the Public Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1919, as Chapter 120 thereof, and which law provides as follows, namely:

"Be it enacted by the people of the State of Maine, as follows:

"Sec. 1. Every female citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, excepting paupers, persons under guardianship, and Indians not taxed, who, not being prevented by physical disability from so doing, is able to read the constitution of the state in the English language, in such manner as to show that she is neither prompted nor reciting from memory, and to write her name, and shall have her residence established in this state for the term of three months next preceding any national election, shall be allowed to vote at such election in the city, town or plantation where her residence is so established for presidential electors, providing that the name of such female shall have been entered upon the voting lists of such city, town or plantation in the same manner as provided for male voters under the provisions of chapter five of the revised statutes of Maine, and all amendments thereof, entitled 'The Qualification and Registration of Voters,' and provided that no female citizen of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote as aforesaid unless she has resided in the United States for at least five years.

"Sec. 2. Boards of registration, municipal officers, selectmen, and assessors, authorized under the provisions of chapter five of the revised statutes of Maine to prepare a voting list, shall enter thereon the names of all female voters qualified under the provisions of section one of this act in the same manner as male voters."

And whereas; said public law was duly approved by the Governor of the State of Maine on March 28, 1919.

And whereas; Sections 16 and 17 of Part Third of Article IV of the Constitution of Maine, as amended, provides as follows:

"Sec. 16. No act or joint resolution of the legislature, except such orders or resolutions as pertain solely to facilitating the performance of the business of the legislature, of either branch, or of any committee or officer thereof, or appropriate money therefor or for the payment of salaries fixed by law, shall take effect until ninety days after the recess of the legislature passing it, unless in case of emergency, (which with the facts constituting the emergency shall be expressed in the preamble of the act), the legislature shall, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, otherwise direct. An emergency bill shall include only such measures as are immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety; and shall not include (1) an infringement of the right of home rule for municipalities, (2) a franchise or a license to a corporation or an individual to extend longer than one year, or (3) provision for the sale or purchase or renting for more than five years of real estate.

"Sec. 17. Upon 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 part or parts thereof passed by the legislature, but not then in effect by reason of the provisions 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 petition 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 any act, bill, resolve, or resolution or part or parts thereof has been suspended by petition in manner aforesaid, the governor by public proclamation shall give notice thereof and of the time when such measure is to be voted on 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; it appears that written petitions of not less than ten thousand electors of this state, addressed to the governor were filed in the office of the Secretary of State within ninety days after the recess of the said Seventy-ninth Legislature, requesting that said public act granting to women the right to vote for Presidential electors be referred

to the people, and it further appearing that the effect of said public act was suspended by said petitions, under the Constitutional provisions above quoted;

Now therefore, I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of the State of Maine, in accordance with said provisions of the Constitution of Maine hereby declare that the act granting to women the right to vote for Presidential electors above referred to has been suspended and I hereby designate the second Monday of September, being the 13th day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty, as the time on which the above mentioned public act shall be voted on by the people of said State in accordance with the Constitutional provisions above mentioned.

[Seal]

In witness whereof, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, Maine, this seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and forty-fourth.

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,
Governor.

By the Governor.

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL
Secretary of State

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The Sixty-Sixth Congress of the United States of America proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

“The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”

The State Department of the United States has this day, August twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred twenty, issued its proclamation announcing that this amendment has been duly ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States and has become valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the constitution of the United States.