

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

# Eighty-sixth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

From April 4, 1931, to March 31, 1933

AND MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS

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# PROCLAMATIONS

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Q [Seal]

In Witness Whereof, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, this third day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and fifty-fifth.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,

Governor.

By the Governor,  
EDGAR C. SMITH,  
Secretary of State.

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STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Referendum Upon An Act Relative to Tax on Gasoline

Whereas, the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the State of Maine, convening upon the first Wednesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, duly enacted a public law entitled, "An Act Relative to Tax on Gasoline", which law appears in the Public Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1931 as Chapter 236 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 Eighty-fifth Legislature, requesting that said public act be referred to the people, and it therefore appeared that the effect of said public act was suspended by said petitions under the provisions of the Constitution of Maine;

Now, therefore, I, Wm. Tudor Gardiner, Governor of the State of Maine, hereby declare that said act has been suspended. The provisions of Section 17 of Part 3 of Article 4 of the Constitution of Maine provide that in such cases such measure is to be voted on by the people at the next general election not less than sixty days after such proclamation, with the provision that if there is no general election to be held within six months thereafter, the governor may and if so requested in said written petitions therefor, shall order a special election not less than four nor more than six months after the proclamation. In the petitions referred to there is no request for an early election and the desire of the petitioners is admittedly the suspension of the operation of this act, a condition which has already been brought to pass by the filing of the petitions. Inasmuch as a referendum election on an act essentially similar was held on the second Monday of Sep-

tember, 1929, it is not deemed advisable to exercise the discretion permitted by the Constitution in calling a special election.

Now, therefore, I hereby designate the date of the next general election, to wit, the second Monday of September, being the twelfth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two as the time on which the above mentioned act shall be voted on by the people of the State, in accordance with the constitutional provisions above mentioned.

[Seal]

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## STATE OF MAINE

### PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

#### Authorization of the Amendment to the Constitution, to Provide for the Number of Senators

Whereas, the Eighty-fifth legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved April 3, 1931, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

**Resolved: Sec. 1. Amendment of Art. IV, Part 2, Sec. 1 of the Constitution.** Section one of part two of article four of the Constitution as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. The senate shall consist of the members to which the several counties are entitled, on the following basis of representation according to the Federal Census: each county having a population of thirty thousand inhabitants or less shall have one senator; each county having a population of more than thirty thousand inhabitants and less than sixty thousand inhabitants shall have two senators; each county having a population of more than sixty thousand inhabitants and less than one hundred and twenty