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In Senate, March 17, 2015

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Attorney General,  
Secretary of State and Treasurer of State**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative CHENETTE of Saco and  
Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, WILLETTE of  
Aroostook, Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, FREDETTE of Newport,  
HOBBINS of Saco.



1 following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment  
2 proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

3 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to provide that the  
4 Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General be  
5 elected by the people biennially in the same manner as members of the  
6 Senate and the House of Representatives?"

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

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

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that provides for direct popular  
21 election beginning in 2016 of the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the  
22 Attorney General biennially in the manner currently provided for Senators and  
23 Representatives.