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THE 146-YEAR HISTORY OF WOMEN ASKING FOR—AND NOT RECEIVING—LEGAL EQUAL RIGHTS IN MAINE:

Source: Maine Law and Legislative Reference Library

1873 RESOLVE FOR SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Not enacted.

1907 RESOLVE FOR SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Not enacted.

1887 RESOLVE FOR ELECTIVE FRANCHISE

Not enacted.

1911 RESOLVE FOR SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Not enacted.

1963 RESOLVE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO MAINE CONSTITUTION FORBIDDING DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF RACE, RELIGION, SEX OR ANCESTRY (THIS WOULD BECOME MAINE'S HUMAN RIGHTS ACT.)

Approved.

U.S. CONGRESS PASSES 19TH AMENDMENT IN JUNE, MAINE RATIFIES IN NOVEMBER.

1919

RESOLVE FOR SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Voted on Sept. 10, 1917. Fails.

1917

RESOLVE FOR SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Not enacted.

1913

1973 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING RATIFICATION OF THE U.S. ERA PROPOSAL FOR AN ERA TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE

Both died between Houses.

AMENDMENT BECOMES LAW, WOMEN CAN VOTE

1920

RESOLVE FOR "POLITICAL RIGHTS TO WOMEN UPON EQUAL TERMS WITH MEN"

Not enacted.

1915

1975 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO MAINE'S CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS SHALL NOT BE DENIED OR ABRIDGED ON ACCOUNT OF SEX

Withdrawn before public hearing.

1980 PROPOSAL FOR AN ERA TO THE MAINE CONSTITUTION

Voted on Nov. 6, 1984. Fails.

2015 PROPOSAL FOR AN ERA TO THE MAINE CONSTITUTION

Died on adjournment.

2019 PROPOSAL FOR AN ERA TO THE MAINE CONSTITUTION

Carried over to the second session in 2020.

MAINE BECOMES THE 31ST STATE TO RATIFY THE ERA

1974

ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE ERA

Voted ought not to pass.

1977

1984

REFERENDUM ON STATE ERA

Voted on Nov. 6, 1984. Fails.

2017

PROPOSAL FOR AN ERA TO THE MAINE CONSTITUTION

Died on adjournment.