

Vermont

1870—Suffragists created the Vermont Woman Suffrage Association (VWSA). Under Maria Hidden's leadership, the VWSA held a Women's Suffrage Convention in Montpelier. American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA) speakers addressed attendees and inspired Vermont suffragists to launch a statewide campaign. VWSA urged state legislators to amend the state constitution to permit women to vote, but no legislator took up the proposal.

1879— VWSA campaigned for passage of a state suffrage amendment by hanging banners, writing legislative reports, and lobbying the legislature. Despite all of the suffragists' efforts, Vermont legislators refused to approve even limited school suffrage voting rights.

1914—As suffrage support increased, suffragist groups coordinated meetings and lectures in 14 Vermont towns including Montpelier, Burlington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Barre, St. Johnsbury, and Middlebury.

1919—After Congress enacted the 19th Amendment, anti-suffragist Vermont Governor Percy Clement opted not to call the legislature into special session, preventing Vermont from providing one of the 36 required state votes.

1921—Vermont voters chose James Hartness over Governor Clement in the gubernatorial primary; Hartness proceeded to win the governorship.

February 8, 1921—Vermont ratified the 19th Amendment on February 8, 1921.

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