

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 **Legislative Document**

No. 1782

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7 H. P. 1792 House of Representatives, January 7, 1982
8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to
Joint Rule 26.

9 Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for con-
currence and 1,600 Ordered Printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Jalbert of Lewiston.
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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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17 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution
18 of Maine Prohibiting Bond Issues of Less than \$2,000,000.
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20 Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two-thirds of
21 each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the follow-
22 ing amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

23 Constitution, Art. IX, §14-F is enacted to read:

24 Section 14-F. Bond issue of less than two million
25 dollars. The Legislature may not create any debt or liabil-
26 ity on behalf of the State, through authorization of the
27 issuance of bonds under Section 14 for any single purpose,
28 which is less than two million dollars.

29 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question;
30 effective date. Resolved: That the city aldermen, town
31 selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall
32 notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and

1 plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for
2 holding a statewide election, at the next general election
3 in the month of November following passage of this resolu-
4 tion, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment pro-
5 posed in this resolution by voting upon the following ques-
6 tion:

7 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to prohibit
8 bond issues of less than \$2,000,000?"

9 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation
10 shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate
11 their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the cor-
12 responding square below the word "Yes" or "No". The ballots
13 shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open
14 ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the
15 Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Members
16 of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns
17 and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in
18 favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that
19 fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of
20 the Constitution on the date of the proclamation.

21 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots.**
22 **Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall prepare and
23 furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots,
24 returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out
25 the purposes of this referendum.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 The purpose of this constitutional resolution is to
28 prohibit bond issues of less than \$2,000,000. This prohibi-
29 tion will prevent needless proliferation of bond issues for
30 unusually small amounts.

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