

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (After Deadline)
2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 **Legislative Document**

No. 2061

8 S. P. 920 In Senate, March 10, 1982
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

9 Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent down for concur-
rence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator Trotzky of Penobscot.

Cosponsor: Senator Clark of Cumberland.

11 STATE OF MAINE
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13 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
14 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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16 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to**
17 **the Constitution of Maine to Authorize the**
18 **Credit of the State to be Loaned to Secure**
19 **Funds for Loans to Parents of Maine Students**
20 **Attending Institutions of Higher Education.**
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22 **Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED:** Two-thirds of
23 each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the follow-
24 ing amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

25 **Constitution, Art. VIII, Pt. 1, §2 is amended to read:**

26 **Section 2. Authority to pledge the credit of the state**
27 **and to issue bonds for Maine students in higher educa-**
28 **tion. For the purpose of assisting the youth of Maine to**
29 **achieve the required levels of learning and to develop their**
30 **intellectual and mental capacities, the Legislature, by**
31 **proper enactment, may authorize the credit of the State to**
32 **be loaned to secure funds for loans to Maine students**
33 **attending institutions of higher education, wherever situ-**
34 **ated, and to parents of these students. Funds shall be**

1 obtained by the issuance of state bonds, when authorized by
2 the Governor and Council, but the amount of bonds issued and
3 outstanding shall not at one time exceed in the aggregate
4 four million dollars. Funds loaned shall be on such terms
5 and conditions as the Legislature shall authorize.

6 **Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question;
7 effective date. Resolved:** That the city aldermen, town
8 selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall
9 notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
10 plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for
11 holding a statewide election, at the next general election
12 in the month of November following passage of this resolu-
13 tion, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment pro-
14 posed in this resolution by voting upon the following ques-
15 tion:

16 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to author-
17 ize the credit of the State to be loaned to secure
18 funds for loans to parents of Maine students attending
19 institutions of higher education?"

20 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation
21 shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate
22 their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the cor-
23 responding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots
24 shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open
25 ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the
26 Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members
27 of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns
28 and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in
29 favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that
30 fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of
31 the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation.

32 **Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved:**
33 That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to
34 each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and
35 copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the pur-
36 poses of this referendum.

37 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 Federal law which provides the basis for the operation
39 of the Maine Guaranteed Student Loan Program has been
40 amended to include, as eligible borrowers, parents of
41 dependent students. Thus, eligible dependent students who
42 attend institutions of higher education and their parents
43 may now borrow funds to help meet the students' educational
44 costs through this program.

1 This constitutional amendment is necessary to allow the
2 State to participate in the new program recently authorized
3 by the change in the federal law.

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