

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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7 H.P. 1703

House of Representatives, March 15, 1984

8 Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for  
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Carroll of Limerick, Senator Carpenter of  
12 Aroostook and Representative Cooper of Windham.

13 STATE OF MAINE  
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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18 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the  
19 Constitution of Maine to Enable the Legislature  
20 to Establish the Extent of Insurance of Loans  
21 to Veterans.  
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23 Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two thirds  
24 of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that  
25 the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine  
26 be proposed:

27 Constitution, Art. IX, §14-D is amended to read:

28 Section 14-D. Authority to insure Maine veter-  
29 ans' mortgage loans, and to appropriate moneys and  
30 issue bonds for the payment of same. For the pur-  
31 poses of recognizing the services and sacrifices of  
32 Maine's men and women who have served their state and  
33 country through honorable service in the Armed Forces  
34 of the United States in time of war or national emer-  
35 gency; enlarging the opportunities for employment of  
36 Maine's veterans; insuring the preservation and bet-

1       terment of the economy of the State of Maine; and  
2       stimulating the flow of private investment funds to  
3       Maine's veterans, the Legislature by proper enactment  
4       may insure the payment of ~~up to eighty percent~~ of any  
5       mortgage loan to resident Maine veterans of the Armed  
6       Forces of the United States, including a business or-  
7       ganization owned in whole or in part by a resident  
8       Maine veteran, when such loans are made in connection  
9       with such legitimate purposes and under such terms  
10      and conditions as the Legislature may determine, not  
11      exceeding in the aggregate four million dollars in  
12      amount at any one time and may also appropriate mon-  
13      eys and authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of  
14      the State at such times and in such amounts as it may  
15      determine to make payments insured as aforesaid.

16           Constitutional referendum procedure; form of  
17      question; effective date. Resolved: That the city  
18      aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of  
19      this State shall notify the inhabitants of their re-  
20      spective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in  
21      the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide  
22      election, at the next general election in the month  
23      of November following passage of this resolution, to  
24      vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed  
25      in this resolution by voting upon the following ques-  
26      tion:

27                   "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended  
28      to enable the Legislature to establish the extent  
29      of insurance of loans to resident Maine veter-  
30      ans?"

31           The legal voters of each city, town and  
32      plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and  
33      shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark  
34      placed within the corresponding square below the word  
35      "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received,  
36      sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and  
37      plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary  
38      of State in the same manner as votes for members of  
39      the Legislature. The Governor shall review the re-  
40      turns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal  
41      votes are in favor of the amendment, the Governor  
42      shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amend-  
43      ment shall become part of the Constitution of Maine  
44      on January 1, 1985.

