

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 31

House of Representatives, Jan. 26, 1911.

Tabled pending reference to committee by Mr. Hogan and ordered printed.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE to amend article 22 of the Constitution, relating to cities of forty thousand inhabitants or more to increase the municipal indebtedness to seven and one-half per centum.

Resolved: That the following amendment to the Constitution of this State be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this State in the manner provided by the Constitution, to wit, Article twenty-two of said Constitution, limiting municipal indebtedness, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "town" in the first line thereof, the following words 'having less than forty thousand inhabitants, according to the last census taken by the United States' and by inserting after the word "however" in the fourth line, the following words 'that cities with a population of forty thousand or more, according to the last census taken by the United States, may create a debt or liability which single or in

13 the aggregate, with previous debt or liability, shall equal sev-
14 en and one-half per centum of the last regular valuation of
15 said city, that the debt of said cities of forty thousand inhab-
16 itants, or over, shall not be increased in any one year, to a
17 greater amount than one quarter of one per cent of said cities
18 assessed valuation, and provided further,' so that said article,
19 as amended, shall read as follows:

 'No city or town having less than forty thousand inhabit-
21 ants, according to the last census taken by the United States,
22 shall hereafter create any debt or liability, which single or
23 in the aggregate, with previous debts or liabilities, shall ex-
24 ceed five per centum of the last regular valuation of said city
25 or town; provided, however, that cities having a population
26 of forty thousand or more, according to the last census taken
27 by the United States, may create a debt or liability which
28 single or in the aggregate, with previous debts or liabilities,
29 shall equal seven and one-half percentum of the last regular
30 valuation of said city, that the debt of said cities of forty
31 thousand inhabitants or over, shall not be increased in any
32 one year, to a greater amount than one quarter of one per
33 cent of said cities assessed valuation, and provided further,
34 that the adoption of this article shall not be construed as
35 applying to any fund received in trust by said city or town,
36 nor to any loan for the purpose of renewing existing loans,
37 or for war or to temporary loans to be paid out of the money
38 raised by taxes during the year in which they were made.

Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
40 towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this
41 State, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the
42 inhabitants of their respective cities, towns, or plantations,
43 in the manner provided by law, to vote at a meeting to be
44 held on the second Monday of September in the year one
45 thousand nine hundred and eleven, upon an amendment
46 proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall
47 be: 'Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by reso-
48 lution of the legislature providing that towns having a pop-
49 ulation of forty thousand inhabitants or more, according to
50 the last census taken by the United States, be permitted to
51 create a debt or liability which single or in the aggregate
52 equals seven and one-half per centum of its last regular val-
53 uation and that the increase in amount of debt be no greater
54 than one quarter of one per centum of any cities assessed
55 valuation in any one year, and the inhabitants of said city,
56 town, or plantation shall vote by ballot on said question,
57 those favoring the amendment voting 'Yes' and those oppos-
58 ing voting 'No' upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be
59 received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town
60 and plantation meetings and lists of the votes so received
61 shall be made and returned to the office of the Secretary of
62 State in the same manner as votes for governor and members
63 of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count
64 the same and make return to the next legislature, and if it

65 shall appear that a majority of the votes are in favor of the
66 amendment, the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved: That the secretary of State shall prepare and
68 furnish to the several cities, towns, and plantations, ballots
69 and blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolves
70 accompanied by a copy thereof.'