

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 168

In Senate, Mar. 7, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Gurney of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

RESOLVE, Amending Article Nine of the Constitution so as to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purposes of Building and Maintaining Public Wharves and for the Establishment of Adequate Port Facilities in the State of Maine.

Resolved: Two thirds of the legislature concurring that
2 the following amendment to the constitution of the state be
3 proposed: Article nine of the constitution is hereby
4 amended by adding the following section:

‘Sect. 18. The legislature may authorize the issuing of
2 bonds not to exceed the amount of one million one hundred
3 and fifty thousand dollars, payable within twenty years
4 at a rate of interest of four per centum per annum payable
5 semi-annually; which bonds shall be issued serially under

6 the direction of the governor and council. 'The said bonds
7 or their proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the build-
8 ing and maintaining of public wharves and the establish-
9 ment of adequate port facilities in the state of Maine.'

Section fourteen of said article nine as amended by article
2 thirty-five is hereby further amended by adding after the
3 word "war" in the seventh line the words 'or for the pur-
4 poses of building and maintaining public wharves and for
5 the establishment of adequate port facilities in the state of
6 Maine,' so that said section fourteen as amended, shall read
7 as follows:

'Sect. 14. The credit of the state shall not be directly or
2 indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not
3 create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of
4 the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with
5 previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one
6 time, exceed three hundred thousand dollars, except for the
7 purposes of building and maintaining of state highways, to
8 suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for purposes of
9 war, or for the purposes of building and maintaining public
10 wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities
11 in the state of Maine; but this amendment shall not be con-
12 strued to refer to any money that has been, or may be de-
13 posited with this state by the government of the United
14 States, or to any fund which the state shall hold in trust for
15 any Indian tribe.'

Resolved that the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns

2 and the assessors of the several plantations in this state, are
3 hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of
4 their respective cities, towns and plantations in the manner
5 prescribed by law to vote at a meeting to be held on the
6 second Monday in September in the year one thousand nine
7 hundred and nineteen upon the amendment proposed in
8 the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be: "shall
9 the constitution be amended as proposed by resolution of
10 the legislature providing for the issuing of state bonds for
11 the purposes of building and maintaining public wharves
12 and for the establishment of adequate port facilities in the
13 state of Maine?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns
14 and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question; those
15 favoring the amendment voting "yes" and those opposed vot-
16 ing "no" on their ballots; said ballots shall be sorted, counted
17 and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings,
18 and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in
19 the same manner as votes for governor and members of
20 the legislature. And the governor and council shall count
21 the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhab-
22 itants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment,
23 the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by a
24 proclamation, and the amendment shall, as of the date of said
25 proclamation, become a part of the constitution.

Resolved that the secretary of state shall prepare and fur-
2 nish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots and
3 blanks returns in conformity with the foregoing resolves
4 accompanied by a copy thereof.