

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 197

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In Senate, March 12, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Peacock of Washington.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, Amending Article IX of the Constitution as Amended by Article XXXV of the Constitution Increasing the Amount of Bonds to be Issued for the Purpose of Building and Maintaining of State Highways and Providing for the Building and Maintaining of Intrastate, Interstate and International Bridges.

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Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, the  
2 following amendment to the constitution of the state be  
3 proposed.

Section fourteen of article nine of the constitution as  
2 amended by article thirty-five of the constitution is hereby  
3 further amended by adding after the word "highway" in

4 the sixth line thereof the words 'intrastate, interstate and  
5 international bridges' so that said section as amended shall  
6 read as follows:

'Sect. 14. The credit of the state shall not be directly  
2 or indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not  
3 create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf  
4 of 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  
7 the purpose of building and maintaining of state highways,  
8 intrastate, interstate and international bridges, to suppress  
9 insurrection, to repel invasion or for purposes of war; but  
10 this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any  
11 money that has been, or may be deposited with this state  
12 by the government of the United States, or to any fund  
13 which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe.'

Section seventeen of said article is amended by striking  
2 out after the word "exceeding" in the first and second lines  
3 thereof the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the  
4 word 'ten' and by striking out after the word "years" in  
5 the third line thereof the words "at a rate of interest not  
6 exceeding four per centum per annum" and inserting in  
7 place thereof the words 'at the prevailing rate of interest  
8 at time of sale' and by adding after the word "highways"  
9 in the fifth line the words 'intrastate, interstate and inter-  
10 national bridges' and by striking out after the word "ex-  
11 ceed" in the seventh line thereof the word "two" and in-

12 setting in place thereof the word 'ten' so that said section  
13 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of  
2 bonds not exceeding ten million dollars in amount at any  
3 one time, payable within forty-one years, at the prevailing  
4 rate of interest at time of sale, payable semi-annually, which  
5 bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the build-  
6 ing and maintaining of state highways, intrastate, inter-  
7 state and international bridges; provided, however, that  
8 bonds issued and outstanding under the authority of this  
9 section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed ten million  
10 dollars; the expenditure of said money to be divided equi-  
11 tably among the several counties of the state.'

Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of  
2 towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this  
3 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the  
4 inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations  
5 to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and  
6 holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the elec-  
7 tion of senators and representatives on the second Monday  
8 in September following the passage of this resolve, to give  
9 in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the fore-  
10 going resolution and the question shall be:

Shall the constitution be amended, as proposed by a reso-  
2 lution of the legislature providing for an increase in the  
3 amount of state bonds to be issued for the purpose of build-

4 ing and maintaining state highways and intrastate, inter-  
5 state and international bridges?

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations  
2 shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the  
3 amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those op-  
4 posed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots  
5 and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and de-  
6 clared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and  
7 return made to the office of the secretary of state in the  
8 same manner as votes for governor and members of the  
9 legislature and the governor and council shall count the  
10 same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabi-  
11 tants voting on the question are in favor of the amend-  
12 ment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact  
13 by his proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon  
14 as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the  
15 constitution.

Resolved: That the secretary of state shall prepare and  
2 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots  
3 and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve  
4 accompanied by a copy thereof.