

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 293

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In Senate, March 29, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Dearth from Committee on Judiciary and  
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

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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 State Debt Limit.

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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 here-  
3 by further amended by striking out after the word "ex-  
4 ceed" in the fifth line thereof the words "three hundred  
5 thousand dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words

6 'eight hundred thousand dollars' so that said section as  
7 amended shall read 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  
4 of the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with  
5 previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any  
6 one time, exceed eight hundred thousand dollars, except for  
7 the purposes of building and maintaining of state highways,  
8 to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for purposes  
9 of war; but this amendment shall not be construed to refer  
10 to any money that has been, or may be deposited with this  
11 state by the government of the United States, or to any  
12 fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian  
13 tribe.'

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 in-  
4 habitants 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 reso-

2 lution of the legislature providing for an increase in the  
3 state debt limit?

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 re-  
7 turn made to the office of the secretary of state in the same  
8 manner as votes for governor and members of the legisla-  
9 ture and the governor and council shall count the same  
10 and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants  
11 voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the  
12 governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proc-  
13 lamation and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date  
14 of said proclamation become a part of the 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.