

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1148

H. D. No. 365

House of Representatives, March 11, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. White of Bowdoinham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Amending Article IX of the Constitution, Authorizing the Issuing of Bonds to Be Used for the Purpose of Building a Bridge Across the Kennebec River Between the Town of Richmond and the Town of Dresden.

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

Section seventeen of article nine of the constitution is
2 hereby amended by adding to said section the following:
3 'The legislature may authorize, in addition to the bonds
4 hereinbefore mentioned, the issuance of bonds not exceeding
5 one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars in amount
6 at any one time payable within forty-one years at a rate of

7 interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable
8 semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be de-
9 voted solely to the building of a highway or combination
10 highway and railroad bridge across the Kennebec River,
11 between the town of Richmond and the town of Dresden,
12 so that said section 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 a rate of inter-
4 est not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-
5 annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted
6 solely to the building of state highways, and intrastate,
7 interstate and international bridges; provided, however,
8 that bonds issued and outstanding under the authority of
9 this section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed ten million
10 dollars; the expenditure of said money to be divided equit-
11 ably among the several counties of the state. The legisla-
12 ture may authorize, in addition to the bonds hereinbefore
13 mentioned, the issuance of bonds not exceeding one million
14 two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in amount at any
15 one time, payable within forty-one years, at a rate of
16 interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable
17 semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be de-
18 voted solely to the building of a highway or combination
19 highway and railroad bridge across the Kennebec River
20 between the town of Richmond and the town of Dresden.’

That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and

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

Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolu-
2 tion of the legislature providing for an increase in the
3 amount of state bonds to be issued for the purpose of
4 building a highway or combination highway and railroad
5 bridge across the Kennebec River, between the town of
6 Richmond and the town of Dresden?

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 and
5 the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in
6 open ward, town and plantation meetings and return made
7 to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as
8 votes for governor and members of the legislature and the
9 governor and council shall count the same and if it shall
10 appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the
11 question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall
12 forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation and the

13 amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said proclama-
14 tion become a part of the constitution.

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