

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 650

S. D. No. 314

In Senate, April 4, 1925.

Reported by Mr. Smith from Committee on Ways and
Bridges and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Amending Section Seventeen of Article Nine of
the Constitution of the State of Maine.

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 as
2 amended by article forty-three of the constitution, is further
3 amended by striking out all of said section and inserting
4 in the place thereof the following, so that said section, as
5 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of
2 bonds not exceeding sixteen million dollars in amount at
3 any one time, payable within forty-one years, except that

4 all bonds issued under authority of this resolve during and
5 after the year nineteen hundred twenty-five shall be pay-
6 able within fifteen years, at a rate of interest not exceed-
7 ing five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which
8 bonds or their proceeds, shall be devoted solely to the build-
9 ing of state highways and inter-state, intra-state and inter-
10 national bridges; provided, however, that bonds issued and
11 outstanding under the authority of this section shall never,
12 in the aggregate, exceed sixteen million dollars, which said
13 bonds issued during or after the year nineteen hundred
14 twenty-five shall be serial and when paid at maturity, or
15 otherwise retired, shall not be re-issued; the expenditure
16 of said money to be divided equitably among the several
17 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 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 con-
11 stitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the
12 legislature providing for an increase in the amount of state
13 bonds to be issued for the purpose of building state high-

14 ways and intra-state, inter-state and international bridges?"
15 And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations
16 shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the
17 amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those op-
18 posed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots and
19 the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared
20 in open ward, town and plantation meetings and return
21 made to the office of the secretary of state in the same
22 manner as votes for governor and members of the legisla-
23 ture and the governor and council shall count the same and
24 if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on
25 the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor
26 shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation
27 and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said
28 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.