

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 76

S. P. 166

In Senate, January 31, 1929.

Tabled by Senator Bragdon of Aroostook and 1000 copies ordered printed. Pending reference.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Bond of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to
Provide for an Additional Issue of Highway and Bridge
Bonds.

That section seventeen of article nine of the Constitution
2 as amended by the forty-eighth and forty-ninth amendments
3 to the Constitution is hereby amended by striking out all of
4 said section and inserting in place thereof the following,
5 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. The state, under proper enactment of the Legis-
2 lature, may issue its bonds not exceeding in the aggregate
3 thirty-six million dollars in amount at any one time, and
4 all bonds issued during and after the year nineteen hundred

5 and twenty-nine shall be payable serially within twenty-five
6 years from date of issue, at a rate of interest not exceeding
7 five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually. The
8 proceeds of all bonds issued and outstanding under author-
9 ity of this section, shall be devoted solely to the building
10 of state highways and interstate, intrastate and international
11 bridges, and the expenditure of said proceeds shall be equit-
12 ably divided among the several counties of the state. Said
13 bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not
14 be re-issued.

The legislature may authorize in addition to the bonds
2 hereinbefore mentioned, the issuance of bonds not exceed-
3 ing three million dollars in amount at any one time, payable
4 within fifty-one years, at a rate of interest not exceeding
5 four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which
6 bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the build-
7 ing of a highway or combination highway and railroad
8 bridge across the Kennebec river between the city of Bath
9 and the town of Woolwich.'

Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
2 towns and the assessors of the several plantations of 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 Mon-
8 day in September following the passage of this resolve, to

9 give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the
10 foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

“Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a res-
2 olution of the legislature providing for an increase in the
3 amount of state bonds to be issued for the purpose of build-
4 ing state highways and intrastate, interstate and internation-
5 al 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, and
5 the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared
6 in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return
7 made to the office of the secretary of state in the same man-
8 ner as votes for governor and members of the legislature
9 and the governor and council shall count the same and if
10 it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting
11 on the question are in favor of the amendment, the gov-
12 ernor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclama-
13 tion and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of
14 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.