

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 221

S. P. 542

In Senate, February 21, 1929.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Nickerson of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to Article IX of the Constitution, Authorizing the Issuing of Bonds to Be Used for the Purpose of Building a Bridge Across the Penobscot River, to Be Known as the Waldo-Hancock Bridge.

Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, the following amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine be proposed.

Section seventeen of article nine of the constitution is hereby amended by adding to said section the following: 'The legislature may authorize, in addition to the bonds hereinbefore mentioned, the issuance of bonds not exceeding one million dollars in amount at any one time payable

6 within thirty years at a rate of interest not exceeding four
7 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds
8 or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the building of
9 a highway bridge across the Penobscot river from either
10 the town of Prospect or the town of Stockton Springs to
11 either the town of Bucksport or the town of Verona, to be
12 known as the Waldo-Hancock bridge,' 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 a rate of interest
4 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, 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 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 dollars in amount at any one time, payable within thirty
15 years, at a rate of interest not exceeding four per centum
16 per annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds or their
17 proceeds shall be devoted solely to the building of a high-
18 way bridge across the Penobscot river from either the town
19 of Prospect or the town of Stockton Springs to either the

20 town of Bucksport or the town of Verona, to be known as
21 the Waldo-Hancock bridge.

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
4 of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in
5 the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding
6 biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of
7 senators and representatives, on the second Monday in Sep-
8 tember following the passage of this resolve, to give in their
9 votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing reso-
10 lution, 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 a highway bridge across the Penobscot river, from either
5 the town of Prospect or the town of Stockton Springs to
6 either the town of Bucksport or the town of Verona?”

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 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 procla-
13 mation and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date
14 of said proclamation 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 accompa-
4 nied by a copy thereof.'