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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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.

Resolved: That section seventeen of article nine of the
2 constitution as amended by the forty-eighth and forty-ninth
3 amendments to the constitution is hereby amended by strik-
4 ing out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the
5 following, so that said section as amended shall read as
6 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 hun-
5 dred and twenty-nine shall be payable serially within twenty-
6 five years from date of issue, at a rate of interest not ex-
7 ceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually.
8 The proceeds of all bonds issued and outstanding under
9 authority of this section, shall be devoted solely to the build-
10 ing of state highways and interstate, intrastate and inter-
11 national bridges, and the expenditure of said proceeds shall
12 be equitably divided among the several counties of the state.
13 Said bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall
14 not be reissued. All bonds issued under the authority of
15 this section of the constitution shall be in addition to the
16 bonds heretofore authorized and issued in the amount of
17 three million dollars, the proceeds of which were devoted
18 to the building of a combination highway and railroad
19 bridge across the Kennebec river between the city of Bath
20 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 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 a reso-
2 lution 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 interna-
5 tional 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
8 manner as votes for governor and members of the legis-
9 lature 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 procla-
13 mation 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.