

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Bowker of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Authorize the Issuing of Bonds to be Used for the Purpose of Building Highway or Combination Bridges Authorized by the Legislature.**

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**Constitutional amendment. Resolved:** Two-thirds of each branch of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state is hereby proposed:

**Constitution, Art. IX, § 17, amended.** Section 17 of Article IX of the constitution, as amended by Article LVIII of the constitution, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

‘The legislature may authorize, in addition to the bonds hereinbefore mentioned, the issuance of bonds not exceeding \$8,000,000 in amount at any one time payable within 51 years at a rate of interest not exceeding 4% per year, payable semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to provide in whole, or in connection with other funds, for the construction of highway, or combination highway and railroad bridges (including highway approaches thereto) authorized by the legislature, and in accordance with the terms of such authorizations.’

**Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved:** That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the as-

sessors of the several plantations of this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, on the second Monday in September following the passage of this resolve, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

“Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature to authorize the issuing of bonds in an amount not exceeding \$8,000,000 to be used for the purpose of building highway or combination bridges authorized by the legislature?”

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting “Yes” upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting “No” upon their ballots and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and return made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature and the governor and council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the constitution.

**Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.