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Chapter 173.

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Article Nine of the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Paying a Bonus to Maine Soldiers and Sailors in the War with Germany.

Constitutional Amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed:

Article IX, constitution, amended. Article nine of the constitution is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

'Sec. 19. **Bond issue to provide fund for soldiers' bonus.** The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not to exceed the amount of three million dollars, payable within ten years, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to paying a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany.'

Article IX, § 14, of the constitution; relating to state debt limit, amended. Section fourteen of said article nine, as amended by articles thirty-five, forty-one, forty-two and forty-three, is hereby further amended by adding after the word "war" in the seventh line thereof the words 'to provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany'; so that said section fourteen, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 14. **Payment of soldiers' bonus included in exceptions for which state debt limit may be exceeded.** The credit of the state shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, exceed eight hundred thousand dollars, except for the purposes of building state highways, intrastate, interstate and international bridges; to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for purposes of war; to provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany; or for the purposes of building and maintaining public wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities in the State of Maine; but this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been, or may be deposited with this state by the government of the United States, or to any fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe.'

Amendment to be submitted at biennial election, 1920; form of question. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations in the manner prescribed by law at the next biennial meetings in the month of September, 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 providing for the issuing of state bonds for the purpose of paying a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question; those favoring the amendment voting "Yes" and those opposed voting "No" upon their ballots; said ballots shall be sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns 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 a proclamation, and the amendment shall, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the constitution.

Secretary of state to furnish municipalities with copy of resolve. 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 resolves accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved November 7, 1919.

Chapter 174.

Resolve, in Favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind.

Appropriation for dormitory for Maine Institution for Blind, provided like amount be raised for same purpose within a year. Resolved: That there be appropriated the sum of thirty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars, for the purchase of a lot of land and the erection of a building thereon, to be used as a dormitory for the Maine Institution for the Blind; said sum to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and expended under the direction of the governor and council. Providing, however, that a like amount shall be otherwise raised for the above stated purpose within one year from the date of approval of this resolve.

Approved November 7, 1919.

Chapter 175.

Resolve, Amending Chapter One Hundred Thirteen of the Resolves of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Providing for the Care, Support and Medical or Surgical Treatment of Dependent Persons in or by Certain Charitable and Benevolent Institutions and Organizations Not Owned or Controlled by the State, and for Other Purposes.

Resolves 1919, c. 113, ¶ 15; relating to the medical and surgical treatment and care of children and adults, by certain charitable and benevolent institutions and organizations not controlled by the state. Resolved: That