ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth Legislaturess
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
From April 24, 1937 to April 21, 1939
AND
MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS

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### Chapter 94

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

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

**Article IX, section 17, constitution, amended.** Section 17 of Article IX of the constitution as amended by Article LVIII of the constitution is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following:

Providing for additional issue of highway bonds. The state under proper enactment of the legislature may issue its bonds not exceeding in the aggregate $45,000,000 in amount at any one time, and all bonds issued
after the year 1938 shall be payable serially within 15 years from date of
issue, at a rate of interest not exceeding 4% per year, payable semiannually.

The proceeds of bonds hereafter issued and outstanding under this sec­
tion to the extent of $5,750,000 shall be devoted solely to the construction
of state highways heretofore designated as a part of the state highway
system or to such as may hereafter be so designated. No more than
$1,650,000 shall be issued in any 1 year.

The proceeds of bonds hereafter issued and outstanding under authority
of this section to the extent of $3,250,000 shall be devoted solely to the
building of interstate, intrastate and international bridges of which not
more than $650,000 shall be issued in any 1 year. Said bonds when paid
at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be reissued. All bonds issued
under the authority of this section shall be in addition to the bonds hereto­
fore issued in the amount of $3,000,000, the proceeds of which were de­
voted to the building of a combination highway and railroad bridge across
the Kennebec river between the city of Bath and the town of Woolwich,
and in addition to the bonds heretofore issued in the amount of $900,000
the proceeds of which were devoted to the building of a highway bridge
across the Penobscot river between the towns of Prospect, Verona and
Bucksport.

Provided further, that in case it becomes necessary in the judgment of
the governor and council to match federal funds for the construction of
state highways, the state may issue its bonds up to a total sum, including
bonds previously authorized by Article LVIII of the constitution, of
$1,650,000 per year, the proceeds thereof to be available for the aforesaid
purpose after November, 1939.

Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Re­
solved: 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 planta­
tions to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding
biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and rep­
resentatives, on the 2nd 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 providing for an increase in the amount of state bonds to be
issued for the construction of state highways heretofore designated as a
part of the state highway system or to such as may hereafter be so design­
nated, and intrastate, interstate and international bridges?”
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.

Approved April 21, 1939.

Chapter 95

RESOLVE, in Favor of Otis Jacob Bowen, of Newport.

Otis Jacob Bowen; state pension. Resolved: That a pension of $12 per month be, and hereby is, granted to Otis Jacob Bowen, of Newport, to be paid from the fund for pensions for soldiers and sailors and their dependents. Said pension shall begin July 1, 1939, and continue until otherwise provided by the legislature.

Approved April 21, 1939.

Chapter 96

RESOLVE, in Favor of Clerks, Stenographers and Messengers of the Several Committees of the 89th Legislature.

Clerks, stenographers, etc., of legislative committees, compensation of. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of $12,875.00 to be paid to the persons named in the following schedule from the appropriation for contingent expenses of the 89th legislature.

Agriculture

Sarah C. McCaffrey, Clerk $350.00