

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1847.

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1848.

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 9.]

[SENATE.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES providing for an amendment of the constitution in relation to pledging the credit of the state, and creating a state debt.

Resolved, Two thirds of the legislature concurring,
2 that the constitution of this state shall be amended by
3 adding thereto the following provisions :
4 “ The credit of the state shall not be directly or
5 indirectly loaned in any case.
6 “ The legislature shall not create any debt or debts,
7 liability or liabilities, on behalf of the state, which
8 shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts
9 and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, ex-
10 ceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, except
11 to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for pur-
12 poses of war : *Provided* this amendment shall not be

13 construed to refer to any money that has been, or
14 may be deposited with this state by the government
15 of the United States.”

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen
2 of the several towns, and the assessors of the several
3 plantations in this state, are hereby empowered and
4 directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective
5 cities, towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed
6 by law, at the annual meeting in September next, to
7 give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in
8 the foregoing resolve, and the question shall be, “shall
9 the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve
10 of the legislature, providing, that the credit of the
11 state shall not be loaned directly or indirectly in any
12 case ; and the legislature shall not create any debt or
13 debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the state,
14 which shall singly or in the aggregate with previous
15 debts and liabilities, hereafter incurred, at any time
16 exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, except
17 to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for pur-
18 poses of war : *Provided* this amendment shall not be
19 construed to refer to any money that has been or may
20 be deposited with this state by the government of the
21 United States ;” and the inhabitants of said cities,

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22 towns and plantations, shall vote by ballot on said
23 question, those in favor of said amendment, express-
24 ing it by the word "yes" upon their ballots, and those
25 opposed to the amendment, expressing it by the word
26 "no" upon their ballots; and the ballots shall be re-
27 ceived, sorted, counted and declared, in open ward,
28 town, and plantation meetings, and lists shall be made
29 out of the votes by the aldermen, selectmen and as-
30 sessors, and clerks of the several cities, towns and
31 plantations, and returned to the office of secretary of
32 state, in the same manner as votes for senators, and
33 the governor and council shall count the same and
34 make return thereof to the next legislature, and if a
35 majority of the votes are in favor of said amendment,
36 the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare
2 and furnish the several cities, towns and plantations,
3 blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolves,
4 accompanied with a copy thereof.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, June 8, 1847.

Ordered, That 350 copies of the foregoing Resolves, reported from the committee on the Judiciary, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

DANIEL T. PIKE, *Secretary*.