

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 622

In Senate, May 3, 1967

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of State for Maine School Building Authority Bonds.

Constitutional amendments. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendments to the Constitution of this State be proposed:

Constitution, Article IX, Section 14, amended. The first sentence of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The credit of the State shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case, except as provided in sections 14-A ~~and~~, 14-B ~~and~~ 14-D.

Constitution, Article IX, Section 14-D, additional. Article IX of the Constitution is amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 14-D, to read as follows:

Section 14-D. Insuring payment of Maine School Building Authority bonds by legislative Act. A general diffusion of the advantages of education being essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people; to aid in the provision of public school buildings in the State, the Legislature by proper enactment may insure the payment of revenue bonds of the Maine School Building Authority on school projects within the State not exceeding in the aggregate \$25,000,000 in amount at any one time and may also appropriate moneys and authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State at such time and in such amounts as it may determine to make payments insured as aforesaid.

Form of question and date when amendments shall be voted upon. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are 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 at the next general election in the month of November to give in their votes upon the amendments proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

“Shall the Constitution which now, with certain exceptions, provides that the credit of the State of Maine shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case, be amended, as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature Pledging Credit of State for a Twenty-five Million Dollar Bond Issue for the Maine School Building Authority?”

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, and shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words “Yes” or “No” their opinion of the same. The ballots shall be received, 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 amendments, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendments 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.