

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Governor's Bill)

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1777

H. P. 1557

House of Representatives, May 12, 1977

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burns of Anson.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing that all State Revenues, with the Exception of those now Designated to the Highway Fund, with the Exception that the Legislature may Provide Dedication of Revenues to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, with the Exception of Provisions Attached to Federal Funds, and with the Exception of Private Gifts be Credited to and Appropriated from the General Fund.

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

Constitution, Art. IX, § 20 is enacted to read:

Section 20. Revenues to be credited to General Fund. All revenues received by the State from whatever source shall be credited to the General Fund and appropriated in a manner prescribed by the Legislature, except as provided in Article IX, Section 19; as the Legislature may provide with respect to dedication of revenues to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; as the United States Government may provide with respect to any funds received by the State from the United States; and as any person, corporation or other entity may provide with respect to any gift, grant, bequest or devise to the State.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide

election, at the next general election in the month of November or special statewide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

“Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature providing that all state revenues, with the exception of those now designated to the Highway Fund, with the exception that the Legislature may provide dedication of revenues to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, with the exception of provisions attached to federal funds, and with the exception of private gifts be credited to and appropriated from the General Fund?”

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the words “Yes” or “No.” The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns, and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this resolution is to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the State to provide that all state revenues, with the exception of those now designated to the Highway Fund, with the exception that the Legislature may provide dedication of revenues to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, with the exception of provisions attached to federal funds, and with the exception of private gifts be credited to and appropriated from the General Fund.