

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Governor's Bill)
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1694

H. P. 1705

House of Representatives, August 3, 1981

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative G. W. Diamond of Windham.

Cosponsors: Representative L. M. Higgins of Scarborough.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Decrease the Bonding Limit of the Maine School Building Authority from \$10,000,000 to \$6,000,000

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

Constitution, Art. IX, § 14-C, as amended by CR 1975, c. 8, is further amended to read:

Section 14-C. Authority to insure, appropriate moneys and issue bonds for the payment of revenue bonds of the Maine School Building Authority. In order to encourage and assist in the provision and construction 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 ~~ten~~ six million dollars in amount at any one time and may also appropriate moneys and authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State at such times and in such amounts as it may determine to make payments insured as aforesaid.

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 a 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 of Maine be amended as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature to decrease the bonding limit of the Maine School Building Authority from \$10,000,000 to \$6,000,000?”

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 word “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 purposes of this referendum.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this resolution is to reduce the amount of available bonds from \$10,000,000 to \$6,000,000 which serve to guarantee existing bond issuance under the Maine School Building Authority.