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In Senate, March 16, 1999

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit the Debt Issued by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk and
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DAVIS of Piscataquis, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock,
NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CIANCHETTE of South
Portland.

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-E is enacted to read:

Section 14-E. Maine Governmental Facility Authority. For the purpose of providing financing or refinancing for capital projects related to a structure designed for use as a court facility, state office or state activity space and intended to be used primarily by the State, by an agency, instrumentality or department of the State or by a branch of State Government, the Legislature by proper enactment may authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue lease appropriation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 in the aggregate at any one time. The Legislature shall enact general law regarding the proper operation of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority. The \$100,000,000 limit applies only to new capital projects authorized by the Legislature after January 1, 1999.

; and be it further

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the municipal officers 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:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to limit the amount of bonds issued in the future by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to \$100,000,000 in the aggregate at any one time?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must 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 cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further

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.

SUMMARY

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This bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to limit the bonds issued in the future by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to no more than \$100,000,000 in the aggregate at any one time.