

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 8.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE concerning an amendment to the Constitution,
relative to the Limitation of Municipal Indebtedness.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the Consti-
2 tution of this State be proposed for the action of the legal
3 voters of this State, in the manner provided by the Consti-
4 tution, namely : Article twenty-two of the amendments to
5 the amended Constitution of Maine is hereby amended, so
6 that the same shall read as follows :

ARTICLE XXII.

LIMITATION OF MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

"No city or town shall hereafter create any debt or lia-
10 bility, which singly, or in the aggregate with previous
11 debts or liabilities, shall exceed five per centum of the last

12 regular valuation of said city or town; provided, how-
13 ever, that the adoption of this article shall not be con-
14 strued as applying to any fund received in trust by said
15 city or town, nor to any loan for the purpose of renewing
16 existing loans or for war, nor to any indebtedness incurred
17 for the purchase, construction or extension of a municipal
18 system of water works, nor to temporary loans to be paid
19 out of money raised by taxation, during the year in
20 which they are made.”

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
22 towns, and the assessors of the several plantations of this
23 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the
24 voters of their respective cities, towns and plantations,
25 in the manner prescribed by law, at the meeting in
26 September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
27 hundred and ninety-six, to give in their votes upon the
28 amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution; and the
29 question shall be, shall the constitution be amended as
30 proposed by a resolution of the legislature providing
31 for the exemption of indebtedness incurred for the
32 purchase, construction or extension of a municipal
33 system of water works from the limitation provided
34 in article twenty-two of the amendments to the amended
35 constitution of Maine; and the inhabitants of the said cities,
36 towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question,
37 those in favor of said amendment expressing it by the word
38 “yes” upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amend-

39 ment expressing it by the word "no" upon their ballots
40 and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and
41 declared in open ward, town and plantation meeting, and
42 lists of the votes so received shall be made and returned
43 to the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for
44 governor, and the governor and council shall count the
45 same and make return to the legislature ; and if a majority
46 of the votes are in favor of said amendment, the constitu-
47 tion shall be amended accordingly.

7 *Resolved*, That the secretary of state shall prepare and
49 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots
50 and blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolves,
51 accompanied with a copy thereof.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 7, 1895.

Presented by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, and, on motion by same Senator, laid on table to be printed, pending reference to Committee on the Judiciary.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.