

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 126.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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

ARTICLE XXII.

LIMITATION OF MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

No city or town shall hereafter create any debt or liability, which singly, or in the aggregate with previous debts or liabilities, shall exceed five per centum of the last regular valuation of said city or town; provided,

13 however, that the adoption of this article shall not be
14 construed as applying to any fund received in trust by
15 said city or town, nor to any loan for the purpose of
16 renewing existing loans or for war, or to temporary loans
17 to be paid out of money raised by taxation, during the
18 year in which they are made ; provided, also, that a city
19 or town may, when specially authorized by the legislature
20 incur indebtedness, or fund indebtedness already incurred,
21 for the purchase, construction or extension of a municipal
22 system of water-works, to an amount, which in the aggre-
23 gate with previous debts or liabilities shall not exceed ten
24 per centum of such last regular valuation.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
26 towns, and the assessors of the several plantations of this
27 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the
28 voters of their respective cities, towns and plantations,
29 in the manner prescribed by law, at the meeting in
30 September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
31 hundred and ninety-six, to give in their votes upon the
32 amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution ; and the
33 question shall be, shall the constitution be amended as
34 proposed by a resolution of the legislature providing
35 for the exemption of indebtedness incurred for the pur-
36 chase, construction or extension of a municipal system of
37 water works from the limitation provided in article
38 twenty-two of the amendments to the amended constitu-
39 tion of Maine ; and the inhabitants of the said cities,
40 towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question,
41 those in favor of said amendment expressing it by the word
42 “yes” upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amend-
43 ment expressing it by the word “no” upon their ballots

44 and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and
45 declared in open ward, town and plantation meeting, and
46 lists of the votes so received shall be made and returned
47 to the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for
48 governor, and the governor and council shall count the
49 same and make return to the legislature ; and if a majority
50 of the votes are in favor of said amendment, the constitu-
51 tion shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and
53 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots
54 and blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolves,
55 accompanied with a copy thereof.

REPORT "A."

The undersigned of committee on Judiciary to which was referred resolve concerning an amendment to the constitution relative to the limitation of municipal indebtedness have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same ought to pass, in a new draft.

SAVAGE,
SPOFFORD,
NOBLE,
KEEGAN,
HAINES.

REPORT "B."

The undersigned of the Committee on Judiciary to which was referred resolve concerning an amendment to the constitution relating to the limitation of municipal indebtedness have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same ought not to pass.

HIGGINS,
LARRABEE,
PARSONS,
HAMLIN,
KNOWLTON.

 STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 20, 1895.

Pending acceptance of either report, laid on table to be printed, on motion by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*