

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 503

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES, Providing for an amendment to the Constitution,  
relating to Limitation of Municipal Indebtedness.

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*Resolved*, Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature  
2 concurring that the following amendment to the Constitution  
3 of the State be proposed, viz: Amend Article XXII of the  
4 Constitution of the State by striking out the word "five" and  
5 inserting in place thereof the words 'seven and one-half,' so  
6 that said article, as amended, shall read as follows, viz:

### ARTICLE XXII.

Limitation of Municipal Indebtedness.

No city or town shall hereafter create any debt or liability,  
10 which singly, or in the aggregate with previous debts or lia-  
11 bilities, shall exceed seven and one-half, per centum of the

12 last regular valuation of said city or town; provided, however,  
13 that the adoption of this article shall not be construed as  
14 applying to any fund received in trust by said city or town,  
15 nor to any loan for the purpose of renewing existing loans or  
16 for war, or to temporary loans to be paid out of money to be  
17 raised by taxation, during the year in which they are made.

*Resolved*, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns  
19 and assessors of plantations in the state are hereby  
20 empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their  
21 respective cities, towns and plantations, in the manner pre-  
22 scribed by law, at the September election next ensuing after  
23 the passage and approval of these resolves, to give in their  
24 votes on the question whether the amendment to the constitu-  
25 tion proposed in the foregoing resolve shall be made, and the  
26 question so submitted shall be "Shall the limitation of munic-  
27 ipal indebtedness be increased from five to seven and one-half  
28 per cent of their valuation," and the inhabitants of said cities,  
29 towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question,  
30 those in favor of the amendment voting "yes", and those  
31 opposed, voting "no;" and the ballots shall be received,  
32 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town or planta-  
33 tion meeting, and a fair list of the votes shall be made out by  
34 the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns and assessors of  
35 plantations, and signed by them and attested by the clerk, and  
36 returned to the office of Secretary of State in the same manner  
37 as votes for representatives; and the Governor and Council  
38 shall open and examine and count the same and make return  
39 thereof to the next Legislature, and if it shall appear that a  
40 majority of the votes cast and returned on the question is in  
41 favor of said amendment the Constitution shall be amended  
42 accordingly, and the amendment shall then be a part of the  
43 Constitution and the Governor shall make known the fact by  
44 his proclamation.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of State shall prepare and  
46 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and  
47 blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve,  
48 accompanied by a copy thereof.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 20, 1903.

Reported by Mr. DREW of Portland, from Committee on the  
Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*