

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 64

House of Representatives, Feb. 3, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Millett of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE to amend Article twenty-two of the Constitution relating to 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, to wit, article twenty-two of said constitution limiting municipal indebtedness is hereby amended by inserting after the word "made" at the end of said article, the following words: 'nor to any loan for the purpose of building, purchasing or remodelling and repairing any building to be used exclusively for school purposes and equipping the same, to be paid in installments of not less than ten per cent, each year,' so that said article as amended shall read as follows:

'No city or town having less than forty thousand inhab-

14 itants, according to the last census taken by the United
15 States, shall hereafter create any debt or liability, which
16 single or in the aggregate, with previous debts or liabilities
17 shall exceed five per centum of the last regular valuation
18 of said city or town; provided, however, that cities having
19 a population of forty thousand or more, according to the
20 last census taken by the United States, may create a debt
21 or liability which single or in the aggregate, with previous
22 debts or liabilities, shall equal seven and one-half per cent
23 of the last regular valuation of said city, that cities of forty
24 thousand inhabitants, or over, may, by a majority vote of
25 their city government, increase the present rate of five per
26 centum by one-fourth of one per cent in any one municipal
27 year, until, in not less than ten years, the maximum rate
28 of seven and one-half per cent is reached, that any city fail-
29 ing to take the increase in any one municipal year then the
30 increase for that year is lost and no increase can be made
31 until the next year as provided above, and provided further,
32 that the adoption of this article shall not be construed as
33 applying to any fund received in trust by said city or town,
34 nor to any loan for the purpose of renewing existing loans,
35 or for war or to temporary loans to be paid out of the
36 money raised by taxes during the year in which they were
37 made, nor to any loan for the purpose of building, purchas-
38 ing or remodelling and repairing any building to be used ex-
39 clusively for school purposes and equipping the same, to be
40 paid in installments of not less than ten per cent each year.'

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns,
42 and the assessors of the several plantations in this state,
43 are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhab-
44 itants of their respective cities, towns, or plantations, in the
45 manner provided by law, to vote at a meeting to be held
46 on the Monday of in the year one
47 thousand nine hundred and , upon an amendment
48 proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall
49 be: "Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by reso-
50 lution of the legislature providing that the limitation of in-
51 debtedness of cities and towns shall not apply to any loan
52 for the purpose of building, purchasing or remodelling and
53 repairing any building to be used exclusively for school
54 purposes and equipping the same, to be paid in installments
55 of not less than ten per cent each year?" And the inhab-
56 itants of said city, town or plantation shall vote by ballot
57 on said question, those favoring the amendment voting
58 "yes" upon their ballots and those opposing voting "no"
59 upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted,
60 counted, and declared in open ward, town, and plantation
61 meetings, and lists of the votes so received shall be made
62 and returned to the office of secretary of state in the same
63 manner as votes for governor and members of the legis-
64 lature and the governor and council shall count the same
65 and make return to the next session of the legislature and
66 if it shall appear that a majority of the votes are in favor

67 of the amendment the constitution shall be amended accord-
68 ingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and
70 furnish to the several cities, towns, and plantations, ballots
71 and blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolves
72 accompanied by a copy thereof.