

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 416

House of Representatives, March 28, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Granville from Committee on Ways and Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

RESOLVE, Amending Section Seventeen of Article Nine of the Constitution, so as to Permit the Use of the Proceeds of State Highway Bonds for the Construction of State Aid Highways.

Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that
2 the following amendment to the constitution of the state
3 be proposed:

Section seventeen of article nine of the constitution, as
2 amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the
3 word "state" in the fifth line of said section the words 'and
4 state aid,' so that said section as amended shall read as
5 follows:

'Sect. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of

2 bonds not exceeding ten million dollars in amount at any
3 one time, payable within forty-one years, at a rate of in-
4 terest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable
5 semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be de-
6 voted solely to the building of state and state aid highways,
7 and intrastate, interstate and international bridges; provided,
8 however, that bonds issued and outstanding under the au-
9 thority of this section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed
10 ten million dollars; the expenditure of said money to be
11 divided equitably among the several counties of the state.'

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
2 towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this
3 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the in-
4 habitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations
5 to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and
6 holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the elec-
7 tion of senators and representatives on the second Monday
8 in September in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one,
9 to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the
10 foregoing resolution and the question shall be:

Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a reso-
2 lution of the legislature providing for the issue of highway
3 bonds for the building of state aid highways?

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations
2 shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the
3 amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those op-
4 posed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots and

5 the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared
6 in open ward, town and plantation meetings and return made
7 to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner
8 as votes for governor and members of the legislature and
9 the governor and council shall count the same and if it shall
10 appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the ques-
11 tion are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forth-
12 with make known the fact by his proclamation and the
13 amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said procla-
14 mation become a part of the constitution.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and
2 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots
3 and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve
4 accompanied by a copy thereof.