

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 221**

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In Senate, April 5, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Garcelon from Committee on Military Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to Article Nine of the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Paying a Bonus to Maine Soldiers and Sailors in the War with Spain.

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

Article nine of the constitution is hereby amended by add-  
2 ing thereto the following section:

‘Sect. 20. The legislature may authorize the issuing of  
2 bonds not to exceed the amount of two hundred thousand  
3 dollars, payable within ten years, which bonds or their pro-  
4 ceeds shall be devoted exclusively to paying a bonus to  
5 Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Spain.’

Section fourteen of said article nine, as amended by articles 2 thirty-five, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three and forty-five, 3 is hereby further amended by adding after the word “Ger- 4 many” in the ninth line thereof the words ‘and in the war 5 with Spain’; so that said section fourteen, as amended, shall 6 read as follows:

‘Sec. 14. The credit of the state shall not be directly or 2 indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not 3 create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of 4 the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with pre- 5 vious debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one 6 time, exceed eight hundred thousand dollars, except for the 7 purposes of building state highways, intrastate, interstate 8 and international bridges; to suppress insurrection, to repel 9 invasion, or for purposes of war; to provide for the pay- 10 ment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war 11 with Germany and in the war with Spain; or for the pur- 12 poses of building and maintaining public wharves and for 13 the establishment of adequate port facilities in the State of 14 Maine; but this amendment shall not be construed to refer 15 to any money that has been or may be deposited with this 16 state by the government of the United States, or to any 17 fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian 18 tribe.’

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 to  
5 meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and hold-  
6 ing biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of  
7 senators and representatives, on the second Monday in  
8 September following the passage of this resolve, to give in  
9 their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing  
10 resolution, and the question shall be: "Shall the constitution  
11 be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature  
12 providing for the issuing of state bonds for the purpose of  
13 paying a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war  
14 with Spain?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and  
15 plantations shall vote by ballot on said question; those favor-  
16 ing the amendment voting "Yes" and those opposed voting  
17 "No" upon their ballots; said ballots shall be sorted, counted  
18 and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings,  
19 and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in  
20 the same manner as votes for governor and members of the  
21 legislature. And the governor and council shall count the  
22 same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabi-  
23 tants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment,  
24 the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by a  
25 proclamation, and the amendment shall, as of the date of  
26 said proclamation, 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 resolves  
4 accompanied by a copy thereof.