

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 9

In Senate, Jan. 24, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. In concurrence and one thousand ordered printed.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Barwise of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Amending the Constitution of the State of Maine so as to Limit Appropriations for Private Institutions and Purposes until December 31, 1930, and so as to Prohibit such Appropriations after December 31, 1930.

Resolved: Two-thirds of the Legislature concurring, that
2 the following Amendment to the Constitution of the State
3 of Maine be proposed:

‘Section 1. After December 31, 1930, neither the Legisla-
2 ture nor any other branch of the State government, nor any
3 subdivision of the State, political or otherwise, shall appro-
4 priate any money, lend credit, or contribute any property or
5 thing of value, to any denominational, sectarian, parochial,

6 fraternal, charitable, eleemosynary, religious or private
7 school, institution, association, corporation, cause or purpose,
8 or to any such school, institution, association, corporation,
9 cause or purpose, not wholly managed and controlled by
10 officials appointed by the proper authorities of the State or
11 of some political subdivision thereof.

'Sect. 2. The Legislature which shall meet during the
2 years 1925-26 shall appropriate no money to any private
3 institution or purpose for which an appropriation was not
4 made by the Legislature of 1921-22; and every such appro-
5 priation made by the Legislature which shall meet in 1925-
6 26 shall in no particular instance exceed seventy-five per
7 cent of the amount appropriated by the Legislature of
8 1921-22.

'Sect. 3. The Legislature which shall meet during the
2 years 1927-28 shall appropriate no money to any private
3 institution or purpose for which an appropriation was not
4 made by the Legislature of 1921-22; and every such appro-
5 priation made by the Legislature which shall meet in 1927-28
6 shall in no particular instance exceed fifty per cent of the
7 amount appropriated by the Legislature of 1921-22.

'Sect. 4. The Legislature which shall meet during the
2 years 1929-30 shall appropriate no money to any private
3 institution or purpose for which an appropriation was not
4 made by the Legislature of 1921-22; and every such appro-
5 priation made by the Legislature which shall meet in 1929-
6 30 shall in no particular instance exceed twenty-five per

7 cent of the amount appropriated by the Legislature of 1921-
8 22.'

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

“Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a reso-
2 lution of the Eighty-first Legislature so as to limit the power
3 of the Legislatures of 1925-26, 1927-28, and 1929-30, as to
4 appropriations for private institutions and purposes, and so
5 as to prohibit all appropriations for private institutions and
6 purposes on the part of the State and political subdivisions
7 thereof after December 31, 1930?”

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 in
6 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
10 shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the
11 question are in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall
12 forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation and the
13 amendment shall thereupon as of the date of the proclama-
14 tion become a part of the Constitution.

That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to
2 the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank
3 returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accom-
4 panied by a copy thereof.