

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 30

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In Senate, Feb. 1, 1923.

Presented by Mr. Carlton of Sagadahoc under suspension of the rules and on motion by the same Senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee and one thousand copies ordered printed.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Carlton of Woolwich.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, Amending Article IX of the Constitution, Increasing the Amount of Bonds to be Issued for the Purpose of Building a Bridge across the Kennebec River between the City of Bath and the Town of Woolwich.

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

Section seventeen of article nine of the constitution is  
2 hereby amended by adding to said section the following:  
3 'The legislature may authorize the issuance of bonds not

4 exceeding three million dollars in amount at any one time  
5 payable within forty-one years at a rate of interest not  
6 exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually,  
7 which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the  
8 building of a highway and railroad bridge across the Kenne-  
9 bec river, between the city of Bath and the town of Wool-  
10 wich' so that said section as amended shall read as 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 highways, and intrastate,  
7 interstate and international bridges; provided, however, that  
8 bonds issued and outstanding under the authority of this  
9 section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed ten million  
10 dollars; the expenditure of said money to be divided equit-  
11 ably among the several counties of the state. The legislature  
12 may authorize the issuance of bonds not exceeding three  
13 million dollars in amount at any one time, payable within  
14 forty-one years, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per  
15 centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds or  
16 their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the building of a  
17 highway and railroad bridge across the Kennebec river  
18 between the city of Bath and the town of Woolwich.'

That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and  
2 the assessors of the several plantations of 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 follow-  
8 ing the passage of this resolve, to give in their votes upon  
9 the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution and  
10 the question shall be:

Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolu-  
2 tion of the legislature providing for an increase in the  
3 amount of state bonds to be issued for the purpose of  
4 building a highway and railroad bridge across the Kennebec  
5 river, between the city of Bath and the town of Woolwich?

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 as  
8 votes for governor and members of the legislature and the  
9 governor and council shall count the same and if it shall  
10 appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the  
11 question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall  
12 forthwith make kown the fact by his proclamation and the  
13 amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said 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.