

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 294

In Senate, March 27, 1923.

Tabled by Mr. Carleton of Sagadahoc pending acceptance of either report and five hundred copies of new draft ordered printed.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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.

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-annu-
7 ally, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely
8 to the building of a highway and railroad toll bridge across
9 the Kennebec river, between the city of Bath and the town
10 of Woolwich,' so that said section as amended shall read as
11 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 legisla-
12 ture may authorize the issuance of bonds not exceeding
13 three million dollars in amount at any one time, payable
14 within forty-one years, at a rate of interest not exceeding
15 five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which
16 bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the
17 building of a highway and railroad toll bridge across the
18 Kennebec river between the city of Bath and the town of
19 Woolwich.

'That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and

2 the assessors of the several plantations of this state are
3 hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants
4 of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in
5 the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding bien-
6 nial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators
7 and representatives on the second Monday in September
8 following the passage of this resolve, 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 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
5 and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and de-
6 clared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and
7 return made to the office of the secretary of state in the
8 same manner as votes for governor and members of the
9 legislature and the governor and council shall count the
10 same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabi-
11 tants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment,
12 the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his
13 proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon as of the

14 date of said proclamation 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.’