

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 315

In Senate, April 2, 1923.

Tabled by Mr. Brewster of Cumberland pending printing.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Smith of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO HOUSE DOCUMENT

NO. 459

House Document 459 is hereby amended by striking out
2 all after the word "Resolve" and substituting therefor the
3 following: 'Amending Article IX of the Constitution as
4 Amended by Articles XXXV, XLII, XLIII and XLV of
5 the Constitution, Increasing the Amount of Bonds to be
6 Issued for the Purpose of Building State Highways and
7 State Aid Highways and Providing for the Building of
8 Intrastate, Interstate and International Bridges.'

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

Section fourteen of article nine of the constitution, as
2 amended by amendment thirty-five, amendment forty-two,
3 amendment forty-three and amendment forty-five of the
4 constitution, is hereby further amended by adding after the
5 words "state highways" in the sixth line thereof the words
6 'state aid highways,' so that said section as amended shall
7 read as follows:

'Sect. 14. The credit of the state shall not be directly or
2 indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not cre-
3 ate 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, state aid highways,
8 intrastate, interstate, and international bridges; to suppress
9 insurrection, to repel invasion or for purposes of war; to
10 provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and
11 sailors in the war with Germany; or for the purposes of
12 building and maintaining public wharves and for the estab-
13 lishment of adequate port facilities in the state of Maine;
14 but this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any
15 money that has been, or may be deposited with this state
16 by the government of the United States, or to any fund
17 which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe.'

Section seventeen of said article, as amended by amend-
2 ment forty-three, is further amended by striking out in the
3 second line thereof the word "ten" and substituting there-

4 for the word 'sixteen'; by adding after the word "time" in
5 said line the words 'including the ten million dollars au-
6 thorized by the forty-third amendment to the constitution';
7 by adding after the words "state highways" in the fifth line
8 thereof the words 'state aid highways'; by striking out the
9 word "ten" in the seventh line thereof and substituting
10 therefor the word 'sixteen'; by adding after the word "dol-
11 lars" in the eighth line thereof the words 'including the ten
12 million dollars authorized by the forty-third amendment to
13 the constitution'; and by adding at the end thereof after
14 the word "state" the following words: 'of the moneys real-
15 ized from the sale of any of the bonds herein authorized,
16 not exceeding two million, five hundred thousand dollars
17 shall be used for the building of state highways, intrastate,
18 interstate, and international bridges located on state high-
19 ways, and the balance, three million, five hundred thousand
20 dollars, shall be expended for the building of state aid high-
21 ways, and intrastate, interstate, and international bridges
22 located on ways other than state highways,' so that said
23 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of
2 bonds not exceeding sixteen million dollars in amount at
3 any one time including the ten million dollars authorized by
4 the forty-third amendment to the constitution, payable with-
5 in forty-one years at a rate of interest not exceeding five
6 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds
7 or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the building of

8 state highways, state aid highways, and intrastate, inter-
9 state, and international bridges; provided, however, that
10 bonds issued and outstanding under the authority of this
11 section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed sixteen million
12 dollars, including the ten million dollars authorized by the
13 forty-third amendment to the constitution; the expenditure
14 of said money shall be divided equitably among the several
15 counties of the state. Of the moneys realized from the sale
16 of any of the bonds herein authorized not exceeding two
17 million, five hundred thousand dollars shall be used for the
18 building of state highways, intrastate, interstate, and inter-
19 national bridges located on state highways, and the balance,
20 three million, five hundred thousand dollars, shall be ex-
21 pended for the building of state aid highways and intra-
22 state, interstate, and international bridges located on ways
23 other than state highways.'

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 following the passage of this resolve, to give
9 in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the fore-
10 going resolution, 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 build-
4 ing state highways, state aid highways, and intrastate, inter-
5 state and international bridges, and by adding to the pur-
6 poses for which bonds may be issued the following: state
7 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,
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 inhab-
11 itants 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.

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.