

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 316

In Senate, April 2, 1923.

Tabled by Mr. Wadsworth of Kennebec pending printing.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Wadsworth of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" TO HOUSE DOCUMENT

NO. 459

Amend House Document No. 459 by striking out all there-
2 of after the word "Resolved" in the first line and sub-
3 stituting the following:

'Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, the following
2 amendments to the constitution of the state be proposed:

FIRST: Section seventeen of article nine of the con-
2 stitution as amended by amendment forty-three to the con-
3 stitution, is further amended by striking out in the second
4 line thereof the word "ten" and substituting therefor the
5 word 'fourteen'; by adding after the word "time" in said
6 line the words 'including the ten million dollars authorized

7 by the forty-third amendment to the constitution'; by strik-
8 ing out the word "ten" in the seventh line thereof and
9 substituting therefor the word 'fourteen'; by adding after
10 the word "dollars" in the eighth line thereof the words 'in-
11 cluding the ten million dollars authorized by the forty-third
12 amendment to the constitution'; and by adding at the end
13 thereof after the word "state" the following words: 'None
14 of said bonds authorized after the first day of January one
15 thousand nine hundred and twenty-four shall be re-issued,'
16 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of
2 bonds not exceeding fourteen million dollars in amount at
3 any one time, including the ten million dollars authorized
4 by the forty-third amendment to the constitution, payable
5 within forty-one years at a rate of interest not exceeding
6 five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which
7 bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the build-
8 ing of state highways, and intrastate, interstate and inter-
9 national bridges; provided, however, that bonds issued and
10 outstanding under the authority of this section shall never,
11 in the aggregate, exceed fourteen million dollars, including
12 the ten million dollars authorized by the forty-third amend-
13 ment to the constitution; the expenditure of said money to
14 be divided equitably among the several counties of the
15 state. None of said bonds authorized after the first day
16 of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four,
17 shall be re-issued.'

SECOND. Section fourteen of said article nine of the
2 constitution as amended by amendments thirty-five, forty-
3 two, forty-three and forty-five to the constitution, is hereby
4 further amended by adding after the words "state high-
5 ways" in the sixth line thereof, the words 'state aid high-
6 ways,' so that said section as amended shall 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
3 create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of
4 the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with
5 previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one
6 time, exceed eight hundred thousand dollars, except for
7 the purpose 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 es-
13 tablishment 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.'

And the constitution shall be further amended by adding
2 thereto the following article:

'The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds, in
2 addition to those authorized by any other provision of the

3 constitution, to an amount not exceeding two million dol-
4 lars, payable within forty-one years at a rate of interest
5 not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-
6 annually, which bonds and their proceeds shall be devoted
7 solely to the building of state aid highways and intrastate,
8 interstate and international bridges located on ways other
9 than state highways. None of said bonds shall be reissued.'

RESOLVED: That the aldermen of cities, the select-
2 men of towns and the assessors of the several plantations
3 of this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify
4 the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and planta-
5 tions to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling
6 and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants, for the
7 election of senators and representatives on the second
8 Monday in September following the passage of this resolve,
9 to give in their votes upon the amendments proposed in the
10 foregoing resolution and the questions shall be:

"First: Shall the constitution be amended as proposed
2 by a resolution of the legislature providing for an increase
3 to the extent of four million dollars in the amount of state
4 bonds to be issued for the purpose of building state high-
5 ways and intrastate, interstate and international bridges?"

"Second: Shall the constitution be amended (by amend-
2 ing article nine of section fourteen as heretofore amended
3 and by adding a further article to the constitution) as pro-
4 posed by a resolution of the legislature providing for an
5 issue of state bonds to the amount of two million dollars

6 for the purpose of building *state aid highways* and intra-
7 state, interstate and international bridges located on ways
8 other than state highways?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations
2 shall vote by ballot on said questions, those in favor of
3 said amendments voting "Yes" upon their ballots, and those
4 opposed to said amendments 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 re-
7 turn 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 either of such amendments are in favor of
12 the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known
13 the fact by his proclamation, and such amendment or
14 amendments shall thereupon as of the date of said proclama-
15 tion 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.