

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 894

H. D. No. 216

House of Representatives, Feb. 24, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Page of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE Amending Section Seventeen of Article Nine of the Constitution of the State of Maine Providing for an Increase in the Amount of State Bonds to be Issued for the Purpose of Building State Highways and Interstate and International Bridges.

Resolved: Two-thirds of the Legislature concurring, the following amendment to the Constitution of the State be proposed:

Section seventeen of Article nine of the Constitution as amended by Article forty-three of the Constitution, is further amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in the place thereof the following, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 17. The Legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds
2 not exceeding twenty-two million six hundred thousand dol-
3 lars in amount at any one time, payable within thirty years,
4 at a rate of interest not exceeding five per centum per an-
5 num, payable semi-annually, which bonds, or their proceeds,
6 shall be devoted solely to the building of state highways, and
7 interstate, intrastate and international bridges; provided,
8 however, that bonds issued and outstanding under the au-
9 thority of this section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed
10 twenty-two million six hundred thousand dollars, which said
11 bonds shall be serial and when paid at maturity, or other-
12 wise retired, shall not be re-issued; provided also that all
13 money to pay off and retire said bonds, and to pay interest
14 on the same, shall be applied from money received by the
15 treasurer of state from the gasoline tax, but only whenever
16 said tax shall exceed a one cent rate, and from automobile
17 license fees so far as the same shall be equivalent to such
18 payments of interest or the paying off and retiring said
19 bonds.’

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 to
5 meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding
6 biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of
7 senators and representatives on the second Monday in Sep-
8 tember following the passage of this resolve, to give in their

9 votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolu-
10 tion and the question shall be:

“Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by resolu-
2 tion 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 and interstate and international bridges?”

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 known the fact by his proclamation and
13 the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said pro-
14 clamation 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.