

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 519

S. D. No. 196

In Senate, March 11, 1925.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Smith of Somerset.

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.

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 as
2 amended by article forty-three of the constitution, is fur-
3 ther amended by striking out all of said section and insert-
4 ing in the place thereof the following, so that said section,
5 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, payable within forty-one years, except that
4 all bonds issued during and after the year nineteen hundred
5 twenty-five shall be payable within fifteen years, at a rate
6 of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, pay-
7 able semi-annually, ten million dollars of which bonds, or
8 their proceeds, shall be devoted solely to the building of
9 state highways and interstate, intra-state and international
10 bridges; three million dollars of which bonds, or their pro-
11 ceeds, shall be devoted solely to the building of state high-
12 ways; and three million dollars of which bonds, or their
13 proceeds, shall be devoted solely to the building of intra-
14 state, interstate and international bridges; provided, how-
15 ever, that bonds issued and outstanding under the authority
16 of this section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed sixteen
17 million dollars, which said bonds issued during or after the
18 year nineteen hundred and twenty-five shall be serial and
19 when paid at maturity, or otherwise retired, shall not be
20 re-issued; the expenditure of said money to be divided
21 equitably among the several counties of the state.'

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 con-
11 stitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the
12 legislature providing for an increase in the amount of state
13 bonds to be issued for the purpose of building state high-
14 ways and intra-state, interstate and international bridges?"
15 And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations
16 shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the
17 amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those op-
18 posed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots
19 and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and de-
20 clared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and
21 return made to the office of the secretary of state in the
22 same manner as votes for governor and members of the
23 legislature and the governor and council shall count the
24 same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhab-
25 itants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment,
26 the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his
27 proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon as of the
28 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.