

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 518

S. D. No. 197

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 Case of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Amending Section Seventeen, Article Nine of the Constitution as Amended by Article Thirty-five of the Constitution, and as Amended by Chapter One Hundred Sixty-eight, Resolves of Nineteen Hundred Nineteen, Increasing the Amount of Bonds to be Issued for the Purpose of Building State Highways and Providing for the Building of Intra-state, 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 seventeen of article nine of the constitution, as
2 amended by chapter one hundred sixty-eight of the resolves

3 of nineteen hundred nineteen, is hereby further amended
4 by striking out after the word "exceeding" in the second
5 line, the word "ten" and inserting in place thereof the word
6 'thirteen'; by adding after the word "years" in the third
7 line the words 'except that any bonds issued after nineteen
8 hundred twenty-five shall be payable within fifteen years,'
9 and by adding in the fourth line after the word "semi-
10 annually" the words 'ten million dollars of' and by adding
11 in the sixth line after the word "bridges" the words 'and
12 three million dollars of which bonds or their proceeds shall
13 be devoted solely to the building of intrastate, interstate and
14 international bridges,' and by striking out in the seventh line
15 after the word "exceed" the word "ten" and inserting in
16 place thereof the word 'thirteen,' so that said section, as
17 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of
2 bonds not exceeding thirteen million dollars in amount at
3 any one time payable within forty-one years, except that
4 any bonds issued after nineteen hundred twenty-five shall
5 be payable within fifteen years, at a rate of interest not ex-
6 ceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually,
7 ten million dollars of which bonds or their proceeds shall
8 be devoted solely to the building of state highways, and
9 intrastate, interstate and international bridges, and three
10 million dollars of which bonds or their proceeds shall be
11 devoted solely to the building of intrastate, interstate and
12 international bridges; provided, however, that bonds issued

13 and outstanding under the authority of this section shall
14 never, in the aggregate, exceed thirteen million dollars; the
15 expenditure of said money to be divided equitably among
16 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 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 and intrastate, interstate and interna-
5 tional 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
6 in open ward, town and plantation meetings and return
7 made to the office of the secretary of state in the same
8 manner as votes for governor and members of the legis-

9 lature and the governor and council shall count the same
10 and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants
11 voting on the question are in favor of the amendment the
12 governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his pro-
13 clamation and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date
14 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 resolves
4 accompanied by a copy thereof.