

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 26

H. P. 68

House of Representatives, Jan. 20, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hale of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE Proposing an Amendment to Section Seventeen of Article Nine of the Constitution, to Provide for an Increase in the Amount of State Bonds to be Issued for the Purpose of Building State Highways and Bridges.

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

Section seventeen of article nine of the Constitution is
2 amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in
3 the place thereof the following, so that said section, as
4 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of
2 bonds not exceeding twenty-eight million dollars in amount

3 at any one time; payable within forty-one years at a rate of
4 interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable
5 semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be de-
6 voted solely to the building of state highways and interstate,
7 intrastate and international bridges; provided, however, that
8 bonds issued and outstanding under the authority of this
9 section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed twenty-eight
10 million dollars, which said bonds issued during or after the
11 year nineteen hundred twenty-five shall be serial and when
12 paid at maturity, or otherwise retired, shall not be re-issued;
13 the expenditure of said money to be divided equitably among
14 the several counties of the state.

'Said bonds shall be exclusive of bonds heretofore author-
2 ized for the building of a highway, or combination of high-
3 way and railroad bridge, between the city of Bath and the
4 town of Woolwich.'

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
9 their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing
10 resolution and the question shall be: "Shall the constitu-
11 tion be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legis-

12 lature providing for an increase in the amount of state
13 bonds to be issued for the purpose of building state high-
14 ways and intrastate, 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 same
24 and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants
25 voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the
26 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.