

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 7

House of Representatives, Dec. 5, 1933

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Tupper of Calais.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND  
THIRTY-THREE

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**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for an Increase of the State Debt Limit.**

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**Constitutional amendment. Resolved:** Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed:

**Article IX, Section 14 of the Constitution; relating to state debt limit, amended.** Section 14 of said Article IX, as amended by articles XXXV, XLI, XLII, XLIII, and XLV, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 14. The credit of the state shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case.** The credit of the state shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, exceed ~~eight hundred thousand dollars~~ \$2,000,000, except for the purposes of building state highways, intrastate, interstate and international bridges; to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for the purposes of war; to provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany; or for the purposes of building and

maintaining public wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities in the state of Maine; but this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been, or may be deposited with this state by the government of the United States, or to any fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe.'

**Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon.**

**Resolved:** That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, on the 2nd Monday in September following the passage of this resolve, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be:

"Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature to provide for an increase of the state debt limit?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature and the governor and council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the constitution.'

**Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. Resolved:** That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.