

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 348

S. P. 355

In Senate, February 5, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Fernald of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Increasing the
Limit of Municipal Indebtedness.**

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

Article XXII of the Constitution; relating to increasing the limit of municipal indebtedness to refund present debts, amended. Article XXII of the constitution, as amended by Article XXXIV, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘No city or town shall hereafter create any debt or liability which single or in the aggregate with previous debt or liability shall exceed $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the last regular valuation of said city or town.’

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 providing for an increase in the limitation of municipal indebtedness to refund present debts?"

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.