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Legislative Document

No. 690

S. P. 330

In Senate, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 650 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Bishop of Sagadahoc by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue, for the Construction, Improvement and Equipment of State Buildings.

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

Article IX, constitution, amended. Article IX of the constitution is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

'Sec. 22. Bond issue for the construction, improvement and equipment of state buildings. The state under authority of proper enactment of the legislature may issue its bonds not to exceed the amount of \$2,000,000 payable within 20 years, at a rate of interest not exceeding 4% per annum, payable semiannually, the proceeds to be disbursed for the construction of state buildings and equipment for same, or remodeling or extension of any plant which is part of state-owned property. Said bonds shall be designated "State of Maine Improvement Bonds," and when paid at maturity or otherwise retired, shall not be reissued.'

Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the as-

sessors 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 a bond issue for the construction, improvement and equipment of state buildings?”

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, 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.