

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 347

S. P. 168

In Senate, February 1, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Spear of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for
Permanent Sites and Locations of Public Wharves and Port Facilities.**

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

Constitution, Article IX, § 14, amended. Section 14 of Article IX of the constitution, as amended, 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 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 \$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, **including permanent sites and locations**; 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, 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 resolve of the legislature providing for permanent sites and locations of public wharves and port facilities?"

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 returns 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.

And be it further

Resolved: That the state, under authority of proper enactment of the legislature, may issue its bonds not to exceed the amount of \$10,500,000, payable within 20 years at a rate of interest not exceeding 2% per year, payable semiannually; the proceeds to be disbursed under the direction of the governor and council for the building and maintenance of public wharves in the city of Portland.