

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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On motion by Senator Spear of Cumberland ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution so as to Provide for a \$10,500,000 Bond Issue for the Purposes of Building and Maintaining Public Wharves and for the Establishment of Adequate Port Facilities and Fish Piers in the Cities of Portland and Rockland in the State of Maine, Including Permanent Sites and Locations.

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 purpose 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 and fish piers 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.'

Constitution, Article IX, § 18, amended. Section 18 of Article IX of the constitution is hereby amended to read as follows :

'**Sec. 18.** The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not to exceed the amount of \$1,150,000 payable within 20 years at a rate of interest of 4 per centum per annum payable semi-annually; which bonds shall be issued serially under the direction of the governor and council. The said bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the building and maintaining of public wharves and the establishment of adequate port facilities in the state of Maine.'

'**The legislature may authorize, in addition to the bonds hereinbefore mentioned, the issuance of bonds not exceeding \$10,500,000 in amount at any one time payable within 30 years at a rate of interest not exceeding 1¼ per centum per annum payable semi-annually, which bonds shall be issued serially under the direction of the governor and council, which bonds or their proceeds in the amount of \$9,500,000 shall be devoted exclusively to the building and maintaining of public wharves and the establishment of adequate port facilities, including permanent sites and locations and fish piers in the city of Portland, and which bonds or their proceeds in the amount of \$1,000,000 shall be devoted exclusively to the building and maintaining of public wharves and the establishment of adequate port facilities, including permanent sites and locations and fish piers in the city of Rockland.'**

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 resolution of the legislature providing for the issuing of state bonds in the amount of \$10,500,000 for the building and maintaining of public wharves and the establishment of adequate port facilities and fish piers including permanent sites and locations in the cities of Portland and Rockland in the state of Maine?"

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.