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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Authorizing Additional Issue of Highway and Bridge Bonds.

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

Constitution, Art. IX, § 23, additional. Article IX of the constitution is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 23, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 23. The state, under authority of the governor and council, may issue its bonds in an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$40,000,000 which shall be in addition to any other bonds authorized or outstanding and all bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be payable serially within 15 years from the date of issue at a rate of interest not exceeding 2% per year. The proceeds of bonds issued under this section shall be expended under the general law pertaining to highways and bridges and shall be used for construction and reconstruction of roads and bridges on the federal aid, state and state aid highway systems. The bonds shall be of such denominations and form and upon such terms and conditions not inconsistent herewith as the governor and council shall direct and the proceeds of all bonds issued under this section shall at all times be kept dis-

tinct from other moneys of the state, and shall not be drawn upon or be available for any other purpose. Said bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be reissued but may be refunded on terms more favorable to the state than the original issue.'

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, at a special election held on the 2nd Monday in September, 1949, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing part of this resolve, and the question shall be:

"Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the legislature providing for the issuing of state bonds in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 for the construction and reconstruction of federal aid, state and state aid roads and bridges?"

And the legal voters 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" 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 legal voters 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.