

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 28, 1953

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Haskell of Penobscot.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Exempt  
Revenue Bonds from Limitations of Municipal Indebtedness.**

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

**Constitution, Article IX, Section 15, amended.** Section 15 of Article IX of the constitution, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence to read as follows:

‘Revenue bonds issued under the laws of the state shall not be debts or liabilities within the provisions of this article provided such bonds are issued for the purchase, acquisition, construction, improvement, extension or repair of a revenue producing public improvement and provided that such bond shall not pledge the credit nor be a lien against any real property of the city or town nor be a charge against the general revenues of the city or town, but shall be a lien upon and be payable solely from the rentals, tolls or charges imposed for the use or services of such revenue producing public improvement.’

**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 the next general or special state-wide election, 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 exempt revenue bonds from the limitations of municipal indebtedness?”

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, town and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve, accompanied by a copy thereof.