

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 276.

Chapter 276.

Resolves providing for an amendment of the constitution so as to authorize a limited reimbursement of municipal war expenditures by loaning the credit of the state.

Proposed amendment to constitution.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both houses concurring, that the following be proposed as an amendment of the constitution of this state, which, when approved and adopted in the manner provided by the constitution, shall become a part thereof, viz :

ARTICLE XI.

State to issue bonds in payment of municipal war debts.

The state is authorized to issue bonds payable within twenty-one years, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. a year, payable semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely towards the reimbursement of the expenditures incurred by the cities, towns and plantations of the state for war purposes during the rebellion, upon the following basis : Each city, town and plantation shall receive from the state one hundred dollars for every man furnished for the military service of the United States under and after the call of July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and accepted by the United States towards its quota for the term of three years, and in the same proportion for every man so furnished and accepted for any shorter period ; and the same shall be in full payment for any claim upon the state on account of its war debts by any such municipality. A commission appointed by the governor and council shall determine the amount to which each city, town and plantation is entitled ; to be devoted to such reimbursement, the surplus, if any, to be appropriated to the soldiers who enlisted or were drafted and went at any time during the war, or if deceased, to their legal representatives. The issue of bonds hereby authorized shall not exceed in the aggregate three million five hundred thousand dollars, and this amendment shall not be construed to permit the credit of the state to be directly or indirectly loaned in any other case or for any other purpose.

Basis of payment.

Commission to be appointed to determine amount due cities, &c.

\$3,500,000 limit of loan.

Duty of aldermen, selectmen and assessors to notify electors.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of plantations are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, at their next annual meetings in September, to give in their votes on the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolve, and the question shall be, 'Shall the constitution be amended so as to authorize the assumption of municipal war debts by loaning the credit of the state to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate three million five hundred thousand dollars, as proposed by a resolve of the forty-seventh legislature?'. And said inhabitants shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of said amendment expressing it by the word "Yes," and those opposed to the amendment

Votes, how given.

expressing it by the word "No;" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and lists of the votes shall be made out by the aldermen, selectmen and assessors, and clerks of said cities, towns and plantations, in the same manner as votes for senators, and shall be returned into the office of the secretary of state within twenty days after said election. And the governor and council shall forthwith, after the expiration of said twenty days, examine and count said votes, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on said question are in favor of the proposed amendment, it shall become part of the constitution. And the governor shall thereupon issue his proclamation, making known the fact.

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—return of, to office of secretary of state.

Governor to issue proclamation if adopted.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish the several cities, towns and plantations, blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolves, with a copy thereof; also a copy of the question submitted, printed in large type.

Secretary of state to prepare blanks.

Approved March 7, 1868.

Chapter 277.

Resolve in favor of Foxcroft Academy.

Resolved, That the state treasurer be and that he is hereby directed to pay to the trustees of Foxcroft Academy the sum of one thousand dollars, for the use and benefit of said academy; said sum to be deposited in the treasury of the state, the annual interest to be paid annually to the trustees of said academy.

Foxcroft Academy, in favor of.

Approved March 7, 1868.

Chapter 278.

Resolve in favor of Hebron Academy.

Resolved, That the state treasurer be and that he is hereby directed to pay to the trustees of Hebron Academy, the sum of one thousand dollars, for the use and benefit of said academy; said sum to be deposited in the treasury of the state, the annual interest to be paid annually to the trustees of said academy: Provided, however, that no money shall be drawn from the treasury of the state under the provisions of this resolve until the state treasurer shall have been furnished with a certificate of the trustees of said academy verified by oath, that said academy has

Hebron Academy, in favor of.