

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

**1913**

Including Acts and Resolves of the Special Session held  
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# RESOLVES

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## Chapter 1.

Resolve amending Article Nine of the Constitution, so as to provide for a bond issue for State Highways.

Resolved, two-thirds of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of the state be proposed: Constitution, amendment of.

Article nine of the constitution is hereby amended by adding the following section:

'Section 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not exceeding two million dollars in amount at any one time, payable within forty-one years, at a rate of interest not exceeding four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the building and maintaining of state highways; provided, however, that bonds issued and outstanding under the authority of this section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed two million dollars;

CHAP. 1 the expenditure of said money to be divided equitably among the several counties of the state.'

Section fourteen of said article is amended by adding after the word "except," in the fifth line thereof, the following words: 'For the purposes of building and maintaining of state highways,' so that said section fourteen, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 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 three hundred thousand dollars, except for the purposes of building and maintaining of state highways, to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for purposes of war; 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.'

Resolved, that the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations in the manner prescribed by law to vote at the regular state election meeting in September in the year nineteen hundred and twelve 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 providing for the issuing of state bonds for the purposes of building and maintaining state highways?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those favoring the amendment voting "Yes" and those opposing "No" on their ballots, and the ballots shall be assorted, 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 make return to the next legislature, and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes are in favor of the amendment, the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

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 resolves accompanied by a copy thereof. CHAP. 2

Approved March 25, 1912.

### Chapter 2.

Resolve in favor of Witnesses, Officers and Counsel in the matter of the hearing upon the Charles O. Emery and Asa A. Richardson Resolves.

Resolved, that the sum of four thousand dollars be appropriated with which to pay witnesses who attended the hearing on the above resolves before the joint convention; to pay the fees of officers for summoning the same; and to pay counsel for the respondents for their services and expenses in said matter.

Witness fees.

Counsel for both parties shall present an account for their services and expenses, and also shall certify the names of witnesses and officers and the amounts due each; the same to be audited by the state auditor and approved by the governor and council. The fees and compensation properly due the counsel for respondents in each case shall be determined by the governor and council.

Approved April 6, 1912.

### Chapter 3.

Resolve on the pay roll of the House.

Resolved, that there be paid out of the treasury of the state to the several persons named in the foregoing pay roll the sums set against their names respectively, amounting to the sum of eight thousand two hundred and twenty-two dollars.

Pay roll of  
the House,  
in favor of.

Approved April 6, 1912.