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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

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placed at such points in said lakes as will best serve the needs of navigation thereon. All said money shall be expended under the direction of the state steamboat inspector.

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## Chapter 44.

Resolve, Relating to the Erection of a Free Highway Bridge across and over the Piscataqua River from some Point in Kittery, York County in the State of Maine to some Point in Portsmouth, Rockingham County in the State of New Hampshire.

**Sec. 1. Interstate bridge between Kittery, Me., and Portsmouth, N. H.; provisional. Resolved:** That in case of the adoption of the proposed amendment to article nine of the constitution of this state as amended, authorizing an increase in the amount of bonds to be issued for the purpose of building and maintaining state highways and including in the purposes for which said bonds so issued or their proceeds may be devoted, the purpose of building and maintaining intra-state, inter-state and international bridges and excepting from the constitutional limitation upon the amount of state debt or debts, liability or liabilities, any debt or debts, liability or liabilities incurred for the purpose of building and maintaining intra-state, inter-state or international bridges, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying for a portion of the expense and cost of an interstate free highway bridge across and over the Piscataqua river from some point in Kittery in the county of York and State of Maine to some point in Portsmouth in the county of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire.

**Sec. 2. Conditional upon action of State of New Hampshire.** The appropriation specified in section one of this act is made on the express understanding and condition that the State of New Hampshire will make an appropriation of an equal amount, for the same purpose, and that it will act in conjunction with this state on equal terms and conditions for the accomplishment of said purpose.

**Sec. 3. Location; federal government to be requested to make appropriation.** The governor and council, shall have the power to agree on behalf of this state as to where the proposed bridge shall be located. As the location of said proposed bridge determines its length, cost and also its relative usefulness, this state and the State of New Hampshire shall not agree upon a location for said proposed bridge until the federal government has been asked to make an appropriation for the same purpose, for the reason that the most expensive location for said bridge is the one which will best serve the navy yard of the federal government located on an island or islands in said river, and it is equitable that the federal govern-

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ment should share in the expense and cost of said bridge, particularly if constructed on said location most favorable to it.

**Sec. 4. Governor and council to have plenary powers.** The governor and council, on behalf of this state, shall have the power to enter into such contractual relations, and do and perform such acts as they shall deem expedient and necessary for the public good, in all matters pertaining to the location and construction of said bridge.

**Sec. 5. Bridge to be memorial to soldiers and sailors.** Said free highway bridge, when constructed, shall be and shall be known as a memorial bridge to the sailors and soldiers of the States of Maine and New Hampshire who gave their lives in the world war now victoriously ended. On the Maine side or section of said bridge shall be constructed and designed something which shall be a special memorial to the sailors and soldiers of our entire state. Such Maine memorial shall meet the approval, in design and construction, of a special committee of five who shall be appointed for that purpose by the governor and council.

**Sec. 6. Bond issue authorized.** To provide the funds appropriated in this act for the purposes herein specified, the treasurer of state is hereby authorized under the direction of the governor and council to issue bonds in the name and behalf of the state to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars. Such bonds shall be issued in series maturing in amount of fifty thousand dollars at the end of each year from the date of issue, shall be in such form and denomination and shall bear such rate of interest payable semi-annually as shall be determined by the treasurer of state with the approval of the governor and council. Such bonds shall be signed by the treasurer of state, countersigned by the governor and attested by the state auditor with the seal of the state affixed. The coupons attached to such bonds shall bear the facsimile of his signature instead of his original signature. Such bonds and the proceeds thereof shall be designated as the "Memorial Bridge Loan" and shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the state. The state auditor shall keep an account of such bonds showing the number and amount of each, the date of countersigning, the date when payable and the date of delivery thereof to the treasurer of state, who shall keep an account of each bond showing the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable. The treasurer of state may negotiate the sale of such bonds under the direction of the governor and council and the proceeds of such sale shall be held by the treasurer of state and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the governor and council for the purposes of this act alone.