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Chapter 107.

Resolve, in Relation to Employment of Discharged Soldiers.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, one of the vital agencies to meet reconstruction work is the United States employment service, and

Whereas, this service in the State of Maine has been diligent in procuring employment for discharged soldiers and sailors now returning from the cantonments and the war fronts, and

Whereas, in this state there are nine employment offices actively engaged, with two hundred and forty-seven subordinate community boards and

Whereas, in the press of the closing days of the last Congress by inadvertence appropriation for the continuance of this work was omitted, and

Whereas, the Federal Government had directed and the divers boards had sent to the cantonments and to France representatives apprising the boys of the availability of these agencies for the work above indicated, and

Whereas, it is of imperative moment that this work must be continued and the temporary difficulty met, and

Whereas, the facts stated above constitute an emergency and the passage of this resolve is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now therefore, be it

Resolved: That the governor and council be authorized to meet the above emergency and to provide said service with appropriate and suitable moneys, as in the judgment of the governor and council shall seem meet, to keep open the avenues to profitable employment for returning soldiers and to accomplish the necessary and proper results in the present exigency until there shall be forthcoming from the federal government necessary moneys.

In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this resolve shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1919.

Chapter 108.

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Section One of Article Two of the Constitution of the State of Maine, Providing for the Continuation of the Right of Suffrage to a Person Otherwise Qualified to Vote for Governor, Senators and Representatives in this State, in the Town or Plantation where His Residence for Suffrage Purposes has been Established, for a Period of Three Months after his Removal therefrom to Another Town or Plantation within this State.

Proposed constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine be proposed:

Section one of article two is hereby amended by inserting after the word "established" in the sixth line of said section, the following words: 'and he shall continue to be an elector in such town or plantation for the period of three months after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during said period;' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 1. Not to lose voting residence when moving from one municipality to another. Every male citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, excepting paupers, persons under guardianship, and Indians not taxed, having his residence established in this state for the term of three months next preceding any election, shall be an elector for governor, senators and representatives, in the town or plantation where his residence is so established, and he shall continue to be an elector in such town or plantation for the period of three months after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during said period; and the elections shall be by written ballot. But persons in the military, naval or marine service of the United States, or this state, shall not be considered as having obtained such established residence by being stationed in any garrison, barrack, or military place, in any town or plantation; nor shall the residence of a student at any seminary of learning entitle him to the right of suffrage in the town or plantation where such seminary is established. No person, however, shall be deemed to have lost his residence by reason of his absence from the state in the military service of the United States, or of this state.

Date and form of question. 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 to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, on the second Monday in September following the passage of this resolve, 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 providing for the continuation of the right of suffrage to a person otherwise qualified to vote for governor, senators and representatives, in this state, in the town or plantation where his residence for suffrage purposes has been established, for a period of three months after his removal therefrom to another town or plantation within this state?"

Secretary of state to send copy of resolve to municipalities. Resolved: That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities,

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

Approved March 28, 1919.

Chapter 109.

Resolve, Appropriating Money for the Care and Maintenance of Fort William Henry in the Town of Bristol.

Fort William Henry, Bristol, care and maintenance of memorial tower. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated for the care and maintenance of the memorial tower erected by the state at Fort William Henry, and for the preservation and improvement of the property of the state at said fort, the sum of three hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred and nineteen, and three hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred and twenty; said sums to be expended under the direction of the commissioners of the state in charge of said fort.

Approved March 28, 1919.

Chapter 110.

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Article Nine of the Constitution so as to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purposes of Building and Maintaining Public Wharves and for the Establishment of Adequate Port Facilities in the State of Maine.

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

Article IX supplemented. Article nine of the constitution is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

'Sec. 18. Bond issue proposed for public wharves and port facilities. The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not to exceed the amount of one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, payable within twenty years at a rate of interest of four per centum per annum payable semi-annually; which bonds shall be issued serially under the direction of the governor and council. The said bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the building and maintaining of public wharves and the establishment of adequate port facilities in the State of Maine.'

Proposed amendment to Article IX, § 14. Section fourteen of said article nine, as amended by article thirty-five, is hereby further amended by adding after the word "war" in the seventh line the words 'or for the purposes of building and maintaining public wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities in the State of Maine;' so that said section fourteen, as amended, shall read as follows: