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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:

'Sec. 14. Maintaining public wharves and establishment of adequate port facilities to be included. 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, or for the purposes of building and maintaining public wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities in the State of Maine; 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.'

Date of election 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 in the manner prescribed by law to vote at a meeting to be held on the second Monday in September in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be: "Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by resolution of the legislature providing for the issuing of state bonds for the purposes of building and maintaining public wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities in the State of Maine?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question; those favoring the amendment voting "Yes" and those opposed voting "No" upon their ballots; said ballots shall be 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 a proclamation, and the amendment shall, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the constitution.

Secretary of state to send copy of resolve to municipalities. 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.

Approved March 28, 1919.