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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Ninth Legislature

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

AT THE

SPECIAL SESSION

November 4-8, 1919

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Supplementary to the Acts and Resolves of the Regular Session.

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ing 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 article seven of the Constitution relating to military be amended as proposed by a resolve of the legislature?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment expressing it by the word "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment by the word "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, 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, it shall thereupon become a part of the Constitution, and the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation.

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 resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.

(The fortieth amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine was proposed to the people by a resolve of the seventy-ninth legislature, approved March 8, 1919, and having been favorably voted upon by the people at a special election held September 8, 1919, the result of the vote was proclaimed by the Governor September 24, 1919, and the amendment, as proposed, became a part of the constitution upon the date of said proclamation.)

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### Chapter 110, Resolves of 1919

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.

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

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

'Sec. 18. 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.'

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. 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.'

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.

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.

(The forty-first amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine was proposed to the people by a resolve of the seventy-ninth legislature, approved March 28, 1919, and having been favorably voted upon by the people at a special election held September 8, 1919, the result of the vote was proclaimed by the Governor September 24 and the amendment, as proposed, became a part of the constitution upon the date of said proclamation.)