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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

Supplementary to the Acts and Resolves of the Regular Session.

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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 forty-second amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine was proposed to the people by a resolve of the seventy-ninth legislature, approved April 4, 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.)

Chapter 168, Resolves of 1919

Resolve, Amending Article IX of the Constitution, as Amended by Article XXXV of the Constitution, Increasing the Amount of Bonds to be Issued for the Purpose of Building State Highways and Providing for the Building of Intrastate, Interstate and International Bridges.

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

Section fourteen of article nine of the constitution, as amended by article thirty-five of the constitution, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "and maintaining of" in the sixth line thereof and by adding after the word "highways" in the sixth line thereof the words 'intrastate, interstate and international bridges,' so that said section, 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 state highways, intrastate, interstate and international bridges, 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.'

Section seventeen of said article is amended by striking out after the word "exceeding" in the first and second lines thereof the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word 'ten' and by striking out after the word "exceeding" in the third line thereof the word "four" and inserting in place thereof the word 'five' and by striking out in the fifth line thereof the words "and maintaining" and by adding after the word "highways" in the fifth line the words 'and intrastate, interstate and international bridges,' and by striking out after the word "exceed" in the seventh line thereof the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word 'ten,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not exceeding ten million dollars in amount at any one time, payable within forty-one

years, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the building of state highways, and intrastate, interstate and international bridges; provided, however, that bonds issued and outstanding under the authority of this section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed ten million dollars; the expenditure of said money to be divided equitably among the several counties of the state.

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 an increase in the amount of state bonds to be issued for the purpose of building state highways and intrastate, interstate and international bridges?

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and return 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 his proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon 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 resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.

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