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AS PASSED BY THE

Eightieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1921

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Chapter 173, Resolves of 1919. Special Session

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to Article Nine of the Constitution to Provide a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Paying a Bonus to Maine Soldiers and Sailors in the War with Germany.

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. 19. The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not to exceed the amount of three million dollars, payable within ten years, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to paying a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany.'

Section fourteen of said article nine, as amended by articles thirty-five, forty-one, forty-two, and forty-three, is hereby further amended by adding after the word "war" in the seventh line thereof the words 'to provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany'; 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 eight 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; to provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany; 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 at the next biennial meetings in the month of September, 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 issuing of state bonds for the purpose of paying a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany?" 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-fifth amendment was proposed to the people by a resolve of the seventy-ninth legislature, special session, approved November 7, 1919, and having been favorably voted upon by the people at the biennial election held September 13, 1920, was, by proclamation of the governor, declared a part of the constitution, September 22, 1920.)

Chapter 22, Resolves of 1919

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine, Empowering the Legislature to Authorize Towns to have more than one Voting Place for all State and National Elections.

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 sixteen of article nine is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 16. The legislature may by law authorize the dividing of towns into voting districts for all state and national elections, and prescribe the manner in which the votes shall be received, counted, and the result of the election declared.'

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, at the next biennial meetings in the month of September, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be: "Shall