

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
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Legislatures
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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1947

RESOLVES, 1947

CHAP. 153

Works Reserve to augment and become a part of an appropriation made by the 91st legislature for new construction at the Pownal State School and provided for in chapter 74 of the resolves passed at the special session of the legislature, September 18-20, 1944.

This appropriation shall not lapse and shall be carried forward from year to year until such time as the buildings are constructed and the work completed.

This construction shall begin as soon as practicable and upon approval of the governor and council.

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 153

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Regulate Traveling Expenses of Members of the Legislature.

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state is hereby proposed:

Constitution, Art. IV, Part Third, § 7, amended. Section 7 of part third of article four of the constitution of the state is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 7. The senators and representatives shall receive such compensation, as shall be established by law; but no law increasing their compensation shall take effect during the existence of the legislature which enacted it. The expenses of the house of representatives in traveling to the legislature and returning therefrom, once in each week of each session and no more, shall be paid by the state out of the public treasury to every member, who shall seasonably attend, in the judgment of the house, and does not depart therefrom without leave.'

Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of 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 at the next general or special state-wide election, 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 to regulate traveling expenses of members

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 voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, 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 his proclamation, and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the constitution.

Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. 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.

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 154

RESOLVE, Providing Pensions for Soldiers and Sailors and Dependents and Other Needy Persons.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the cost of living has increased greatly, and

Whereas, the people receiving aid from the state must have more assistance immediately in order to maintain themselves, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety; now, therefore, be it

Pensions granted to certain soldiers and sailors and dependents and other needy persons. Resolved: That a pension be, and hereby is, granted to each of the persons hereinafter listed in the amounts set against their respective names, to be paid monthly from a fund for pensions allowed by special legislative resolves. Said pensions shall begin on May 1, 1947, and shall continue until otherwise provided by the legislature, with the exceptions indicated herein.

Provided, however, that in all cases where the applicants are now receiv-