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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 117

RESOLVE, Authorizing a Reclassification of Highways.

Reclassification of highways authorized. **Resolved:** That the state highway commission be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to study the present administrative classification of all public highways in the state and to reclassify highways now designated as state and state aid highways on a basis of traffic and benefits rendered as provided by statute; and be it further

Resolved: That, to implement this study and reclassification, the state highway commission is authorized and directed to employ an impartial consulting organization experienced in the field of highway planning and administration to:

I. Study the overall administrative classification of highways as well as the highway laws relating to such classification and make recommendations relating thereto;

II. Make a complete survey and analysis of town roads, in cooperation with town officials, to determine local road needs, with due regard to traffic, and to make recommendations relative to the equitable responsibility of the state and towns, respectively, for such roads; and be it further

Resolved: That the commission is authorized to enter into a joint agreement with the federal government in making this study and is authorized to pay the state's share of its cost out of the general highway fund.

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 118

RESOLVE, Designating New Bridge in Augusta as "Augusta Memorial Bridge."

"Augusta Memorial Bridge," designated. **Resolved:** That the new bridge located in Augusta, county of Kennebec, constructed under the provisions of chapter 185 of the private and special laws of 1947, be officially named and referred to as "Augusta Memorial Bridge"; and be it further

Resolved: That the east traffic circle be officially named and referred to as "Cony Circle"; and be it further

Resolved: That the west traffic circle be officially named and referred to as "Memorial Circle."

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 119

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Liberalize Limitation of Municipal Indebtedness.

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

Constitution, Art. IX, Section 15, repealed and replaced. Section 15 of article IX of the constitution, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Section 15. No city or town shall hereafter create any debt or liability, which singly, or in the aggregate with previous debts or liabilities, shall exceed seven and one-half per cent of the last regular valuation of said city or town; provided, however, that the adoption of this article shall not be construed as applying to any fund received in trust by said city or town, nor to any loan for the purpose of renewing existing loans or for war, or to temporary loans to be paid out of money raised by taxation, during the year in which they are made.'

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 increase from 5% to 7½% the limitation of municipal indebtedness?"

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