

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

Published by the Director of Legislative Research in accordance with subsection VI of section 27 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE
1955

Selected
Proclamations

by

Governor Burton M. Cross

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Authorization of the Amendment to the Constitution to
Liberalize Limitation of Municipal Indebtedness

WHEREAS, the Ninety-sixth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved April 27, 1953 proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

“Section 15 of article IX of the constitution, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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.’”

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations, voting upon said amendment, as directed in the aforementioned Resolve, upon the thirteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and canvassed by the Governor and Council on September twenty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment, namely 111,726 for, and 80,402 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Burton M. Cross, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed, and in accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, the amendment shall hereupon as of the date of this proclamation become a part of the constitution.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twenty-first day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-ninth.

BURTON M. CROSS,
Governor

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Authorization of the Amendment to the Constitution
Permitting Indians to Vote

WHEREAS, the Ninety-sixth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved May 2, 1953 pro-

posed to the electors of said State the following amendments to the Constitution, to wit:

“The first sentence of Section 1 of Article II of the constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Every citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, excepting paupers and persons under guardianship, having his or her residence established in this state for the term of six months next preceding any election, shall be an elector for governor, senators and representatives, in the city, town or plantation where his or her residence has been established for the term of three months next preceding such election, and he or she shall continue to be an elector in such city, town or plantation for the period of three months after his or her removal therefrom, if he or she continues to reside in this state during such period, unless barred by the provisions of the second paragraph of this section; and the elections shall be by written ballot.’”

“Section 1 of Article II of the constitution is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

‘Every Indian, residing on tribal reservations and otherwise qualified, shall be an elector in all county, state and national elections.’”

“The second sentence of Section 2 of Part First of Article IV of the constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘The legislature shall, within every period of at most ten years and at least five, cause the number of the inhabitants of the state to be ascertained, exclusive of foreigners not naturalized.’”

WHEREAS, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations, voting upon said amendments, as directed in the aforementioned Resolve, upon the thirteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and canvassed by the Governor and Council on September twenty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, that a majority of said votes were in favor of these amendments, namely 155,528 for, and 41,688 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Burton M. Cross, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed, and in accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, the amendments shall hereupon as of the date of this proclamation become a part of the constitution.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twenty-first day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-ninth.

BURTON M. CROSS,
Governor

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State