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ARTICLE VIII-A.

Municipal Home Rule.

Section 1. The inhabitants of any municipality shall have the power to alter and amend their charters on all matters, not prohibited by Constitution or general law, which are local and municipal in character.

The Legislature shall prescribe the procedure by which the municipality may so act.

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 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 election in the month of November or special state-wide election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November 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 to Provide for Municipal Home Rule?”

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, and shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words “Yes” or “No” their opinion of the same. The ballots shall be received, 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 review 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 October 1, 1969

Chapter 30

RESOLVE, Proposing the Acceptance of a Master Plan Prepared by the Capitol Planning Commission.

Master plan for development of capitol complex. Resolved: That the

Master Plan for the Development of the Capitol Complex, Augusta, Maine, as prepared by the Capitol Planning Commission under chapter 458 of the public laws of 1967, is accepted. Said master plan, dated January 17, 1969, prepared by Frank Grad and Sons, Newark, New Jersey, is incorporated in this resolve by reference.

The Capitol Planning Commission, the State Highway Commission, the Bureau of Public Improvements and the State Planning Office are authorized and directed to continue work on the Master Plan of the Capitol Complex. A revised and extended plan is to be submitted by the Capitol Planning Commission to the 105th Legislature, which plan is to include evidence of a coordinated Highway-Capitol Complex Plan and evidence of plans and uses for other state land in Augusta and surrounding communities.

Effective October 1, 1969

Chapter 31

RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of State for Loans of Maine School Building Authority.

Constitutional amendments. Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendments to the Constitution of this State be proposed:

Constitution, Article IX, Section 14, amended. The first sentence of Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The credit of the State shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case, except as provided in sections 14-A ~~and~~, 14-B and 14-C.

Constitution, Article IX, Section 14-C, additional. Article IX of the Constitution is amended by adding a new section 14-C, to read as follows:

Section 14-C. Insuring payment of Maine School Building Authority bonds by Legislative Act. In order to encourage and assist in the provision and construction of public school buildings in the State, the Legislature by proper enactment may insure the payment of revenue bonds of the Maine School Building Authority on school projects within the State not exceeding in the aggregate twenty-five million dollars in amount at any one time and may also appropriate moneys and authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State at such times and in such amounts as it may determine to make payments insured as aforesaid.

Form of question and date when amendments 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 empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to