

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**CONSTITUTIONAL
RESOLUTIONS**

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED AT THE

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

1981

CHAPTER 4

S.P. 753 - L.D. 1756

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution
of Maine to Limit the Life of Bond Authorizations.

Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

Constitution, Art. IX, §14, as amended by CR 1977, c. 3, is further amended by adding after the 3rd sentence 3 new sentences to read:

For any bond authorization requiring ratification of the electors pursuant to this section, if no bonds have been issued within 5 years of the date of ratification, then no bonds may be issued after that date. The Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the 5-year period for an additional 5 years or may deauthorize the bonds. If the Legislature fails to take action within those 2 years, the bond issue shall be considered to be deauthorized and no bonds may be issued.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at the next general election in the month of November following passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to limit the life of bonds authorized but not issued?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns

and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment shall become part of the Constitution on the date of the proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Effective Pending Referendum.

CHAPTER 5

S.P. 920 - L.D. 2061

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Authorize the Credit of the State to be Loaned to Secure Funds for Loans to Parents of Maine Students Attending Institutions of Higher Education.

Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

Constitution, Art. VIII, Pt. 1, §2 is amended to read:

Section 2. Authority to pledge the credit of the State and to issue bonds for Maine students in higher education. For the purpose of assisting the youth of Maine to achieve the required levels of learning and to develop their intellectual and mental capacities, the Legislature, by proper enactment, may authorize the credit of the State to be loaned to secure funds for loans to Maine students attending institutions of higher education, wherever situated, and to parents of these students. Funds shall be obtained by the issuance of state bonds, when authorized by the Governor and Council, but the amount of bonds issued and outstanding shall not at one time exceed in the aggregate four million dollars. Funds loaned shall be on such terms and conditions as the Legislature shall authorize.