

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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J.S. McCarthy Company  
Augusta, Maine  
1989

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# **CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS**

OF THE

# **STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED AT THE

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**CHAPTER 1****H.P. 1255 - L.D. 1754****RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the  
Constitution of Maine to Commit State  
Support of Affordable Housing**

**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-E is enacted to read:**

**Section 14-E. Authority to insure payment of mortgage loans.** For the purpose of fostering and encouraging the acquisition, construction, repair and remodeling of affordable housing owned or to be owned by Maine citizens, the Legislature by proper enactment may insure the payment of mortgage loans on such houses not exceeding in the aggregate \$25,000,000 at any one time and may also appropriate funds 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 in this section.

**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 a statewide election, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the 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 as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature to insure the payment of mortgage loans for affordable housing for Maine citizens, not to exceed \$25,000,000 in the aggregate?”

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 voters 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; and be it further

**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.