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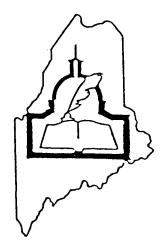
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1832 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO LIMIT THE LIFE OF AUTHORIZED BONDS

SUMMARY: LD 1832 proposed to change the process of issuing bonds by which authorized but unissued bonds for a project for which some bonds, but not all have been issued. Currently, a bond project for which no bonds have been issued for 5 years following approval of the bonds, cannot be undertaken by the issuance of these bonds unless approved by the Legislature. Legislative approval of the bonds is limited to a second 5 year period. If some bonds are issued for a project, there are no restrictions on the issue of the remaining authorized but unissued bonds.

LD 1832, proposed to amend the Maine Constitution to require that in cases where there has been a partial issue of bonds over a 5 year period for a project, the remaining authorized but unissued bonds, must be approved by the Legislature for a second 5 year period. The State Government Committee amended this Constitution Resolution to require that a majority of members of both houses approve the extension period for the issuance of these bonds. Since the electorate has already approved these bonds, a majority vote is more appropriate than a 2/3 vote in both houses.

LD 1832 raised the issue of a statutory provision to require state agencies to report necessary information to the Legislature prior to the time that it is necessary for the Legislature to reauthorize the issuance of bonds already approved by the electorate. This statutory provision is incorporated in LD 2199.