

"Enacted as Resolves 1919, Chapter 168"

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 255

In Senate, March 26, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Peacock from Committee on Ways and
Bridges and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

RESOLVE, Amend Article IX of the Constitution as
Amended by Article XXXV of the Constitution Increasing
the Amount of Bonds to be Issued for the Purpose of Build-
ing State Highways and Providing for the Building of Intra-
state, Interstate and International Bridges.

Resolved: Two-thirds of the legislature concurring the
2 following amendment to the constitution of the state be pro-
3 posed.

Section fourteen of article nine of the constitution as
2 amended by article thirty-five of the constitution is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the words "and maintaining
4 of" in the sixth line thereof and by adding after the word

5 "highways" in the sixth line thereof the words 'intrastate,
6 interstate and international bridges' so that said section as
7 amended shall read as follows:

"Sect. 14. The credit of the state shall not be directly or
2 indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not
3 create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of
4 the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with pre-
5 vious debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time,
6 exceed three hundred thousand dollars, except for the pur-
7 pose of building state highways, intrastate, interstate and in-
8 ternational bridges, to suppress insurrection, to repel in-
9 vasion or for purposes of war; but this amendment shall not
10 be construed to refer to any money that has been or may be
11 deposited with this state by the government of the United
12 States, or to any fund which the state shall hold in trust for
13 any Indian tribe."

Section seventeen of said article is amended by striking
2 out after the word "exceeding" in the first and second lines
3 thereof, the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the
4 word "ten" and by striking out after the words "years" in
5 the third line thereof the words "at a rate of interest not
6 exceeding four per centum per annum" and inserting in
7 place thereof the words 'at the prevailing rate of interest at
8 the time of sale', and by striking out in the fifth line thereof
9 the words 'and maintaining' and by adding after the word
10 "highways" in the fifth line the words 'intrastate, interstate
11 and international bridges' and by striking out after the word

12 "exceed" in the seventh line thereof the word "two" and in-
13 serting in place thereof the word 'ten' so that said section
14 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of
2 bonds not exceeding ten million dollars in amount at any
3 one time, payable within forty-one years, at the prevailing
4 rate of interest at time of sale, payable semi-annually, which
5 bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the build-
6 ing of state highways, intrastate, interstate and international
7 bridges; provided, however, that bonds issued and outstand-
8 ing under the authority of this section shall never, in the
9 aggregate, exceed ten million dollars; the expenditure of
10 said money to be divided equitably among the several coun-
11 ties of the state.'

Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
2 towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this
3 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the in-
4 habitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to
5 meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and hold-
6 ing biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of
7 senators and representatives on the second Monday in Sep-
8 tember following the passage of this resolve, to give in their
9 votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolu-
10 tion and the question shall be:

Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolu-
2 tion of the legislature providing for an increase in the
3 amount of state bonds to be issued for the purpose of build-