

**THE NUMBER AND FORM IN WHICH THE QUESTION
WILL APPEAR UPON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AT
THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 1940,
IS AS FOLLOWS:**

Proposed Petition for Initiative No. 44

A BILL AUTHORIZING THE STATE OF MONTANA TO BECOME INDEBTED IN THE SUM OF EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$850,000.) IN EXCESS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEBT LIMIT AND OVER AND ABOVE ANY BONDED INDEBTEDNESS FOR WHICH THE STATE OF MONTANA IS NOW OBLIGATED, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, AND EQUIPMENT OF NECESSARY BUILDINGS AT MONTANA STATE COLLEGE, BOZEMAN, MONTANA; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AS EVIDENCE OF SUCH INDEBTEDNESS, PROVIDING FOR SALE THEREOF; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING OF AN ANNUAL TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ACCRUING THEREON.

FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 44.
\$850,000 BONDS FOR NECESSARY BUILDINGS AT MONTANA STATE COLLEGE, BOZEMAN

AGAINST SAID MEASURE NO. 44

"A BILL TO ENACT BY THE INITIATIVE A LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE OF MONTANA TO BECOME INDEBTED IN THE SUM OF EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$850,000.) IN EXCESS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION OF INDEBTEDNESS AND OVER AND ABOVE ANY BONDED INDEBTEDNESS HERETOFORE INCURRED OR CREATED AND FOR WHICH THE STATE OF MONTANA IS NOW OBLIGATED, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, AND EQUIPMENT OF NECESSARY BUILDINGS AT MONTANA STATE COLLEGE, BOZEMAN, MONTANA; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AS EVIDENCE OF SUCH INDEBTEDNESS AND FOR THE SALE THEREOF; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING OF AN ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL THEREOF AND THE INTEREST ACCRUING THEREON."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. That the State Board of Examiners of the State of Montana is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to issue bonds in the name of the State of Montana, in an amount not exceeding Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.), in excess of the Constitutional limitation of indebtedness and over and above any bonded indebtedness heretofore incurred or created and for which the State of Montana is now obligated, the money derived from the sale of said bonds to be used for the purpose of constructing, repairing, and equipping necessary buildings at Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana.

Section 2. Such bonds shall be issued at one time or from time to time as may appear to said Board of Examiners, in the exercise of its judgment and discretion, to be for the best interests of the State and necessary for the erection, repair, and equipment of necessary buildings at Montana State College under the control of the State Board of Education; provided, however, that none of said bonds shall be issued or sold by the State Board of Examiners unless the State Board of Education shall have first determined the necessity therefor and the amount thereof and requested the State Board of Examiners to issue and sell the same.

Section 3. The bonds provided for in this Act shall be issued in such denominations as may be determined by the State Board of Examiners at the time the same are authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Act, shall mature in annual installments, the first of which shall be made payable not more than two years after the date of the bonds, and the last of which shall be made payable not more than twenty years after the date of the bonds, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one-half per centum (4½%) per annum, payable semi-annually, on such dates as may be determined and fixed by the State Board of Examiners, both interest and principal to be payable at the office of the State Treasurer of the State of Montana or, at the option of the holder, at any bank or trust company in the City of New York; provided, however, that for any series of said bonds issued after the issuance of the first series thereof, the State Board of Examiners shall so fix the interest paying dates that the interest thereon will become due and payable on the same dates as the interest on such first series of bonds shall become due and payable, and in order so to do the State Board of Examiners may provide that the first interest shall be due and payable at a date less than six months after the date of the issuance of such series.

Section 4. The State Board of Examiners shall prescribe the form of such bonds, and the bonds shall bear upon their face the words "Montana State College Educational Bonds of the State of Montana," and shall be signed by the members of the State Board of Examiners, and the Great Seal of the State of Montana shall

be affixed to each bond, and the bonds shall be registered in the office of the State Treasurer. Said bonds shall have interest coupons attached thereto covering the interest due semi-annually, which coupons shall be executed with facsimile signatures of all the members of the State Board of Examiners, and the signing of said coupons with said facsimile signatures shall be recognized as sufficient execution of said coupons on behalf of the State of Montana.

Section 5. The bonds provided for in this Act shall be disposed of by the State Board of Examiners in such a manner as they shall deem for the best interests of the State in carrying out the provisions of this Act, provided, that no bond shall be disposed of for less than its par value.

Section 6. All moneys derived from the issuance and sale of the bonds authorized by this Act shall be paid into the State Treasury, and shall constitute a special fund for the construction, repair, and equipment of necessary buildings at Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana, and shall be expended only for the construction, repair, and equipment of necessary buildings at said institution, and shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer on warrants properly drawn against such fund by the State Auditor pursuant to the orders of the State Board of Examiners.

Section 7. That there shall be and there is hereby levied annually upon all property in the State of Montana subject to taxation, an ad valorem tax of one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of one (1) mill on each dollar of the taxable valuation of such property, which tax when collected by the County Treasurers of the several counties of the State, shall be by them accounted to and paid into the State Treasury of the State of Montana and by the State Treasurer placed in the Montana State College Educational Bond Sinking and Interest Fund, which fund shall be used exclusively for the payment of the principal of, and the interest accruing on, said bonds. Such tax shall be in addition to all other taxes authorized or limited by law and shall be levied in each year until sufficient funds shall have been provided for the payment of the principal of, and the interest on, said bonds.

Section 8. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval and proclamation, as provided by law.

