

Chap. 89.

AN ACT to amend Article Four of the Constitution.

Published, April 25, 1854.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. Section four of article four, of the constitution is hereby so amended as to read as follows: The members of assembly shall be chosen biennially, by single districts on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday of November, by the qualified electors of the several districts; such districts to be bounded by county, precincts, town or ward lines to consist of contiguous territory and so be in as compact a form as practicable.

Election of members of assembly.

§ 2. The last clause of section five of said article is hereby so amended as to read as follows: The senate districts shall be numbered in regular series. The senators chosen by the present odd numbered districts, in the year 1854, shall hold their offices until the last day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six. The senators chosen by the present even numbered districts, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, shall hold their offices until the last day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight. Thereafter senators shall be chosen for the term of four years, but the legislature at any new appointment, shall so classify the senators to be elected from any additional senate district, which may be formed, that the term of office of all senators elected from even numbered districts shall expire at the same time, and the term of office of all those elected from odd numbered districts shall expire at the same time.

Amendment to section 5 of article 4.

§ 3. Section eleven is hereby so amended as to read as follows: The legislature shall meet at the seat of government once in two years, and not oftener, unless convened by the governor.

Section 11, here amended.

§ 4. The above amendments are hereby submitted to the people of the state in the following manner: At the general election on the Tuesday next succeeding the first

Mode of submission.

Mode of balloting.

Monday of November next; each elector may vote for or against the first of the above amendments by depositing a ballot containing the following words: "For amendment to section four," or "against amendment to section four," and for or against the second of the above amendments, by depositing a ballot containing the words: "for amendment to section five," or "against amendment to section five," and for or against the third of the above amendments by depositing a ballot containing the words "for amendment to section eleven," or "against amendment to section eleven," and the votes given by any elector for or against any or all of said amendments, shall be on one ballot, and shall be deposited in a separate box prepared for the purpose. The qualification of the electors shall be the same, and the votes so cast shall be canvassed and returned in the same manner as in election for state officers, and the same notice of the submission shall be given; and if a majority of the electors voting on either of the above amendments, shall vote in favor thereof, it shall thereafter be a part of article four, of the constitution of this state.

§ 5. The first session of the legislature after the adoption of the above amendments, or either of them, by the people, shall be held in the year 1855.

Approved, April 3, 1854.

Chap. 90.

AN ACT to amend Chapter four hundred and seventy-seven of the Session Laws of the year 1852.

Published, May 2, 1854.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Officers appointed by State Prison Commissioner.

§ 1. Section two of chapter four hundred and seventy-seven of the session laws of 1852 is hereby so amended that the state prison commissioner shall be and he is hereby authorized to appoint one person to perform the duties