

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.  
 Approved April 10, 1865.

CHAPTER 413.

[Published May 31, 1865.]

AN ACT granting to E. Chapin and his associates the right to establish and maintain a ferry across the Wisconsin river.

(See supplement to local laws.)

CHAPTER 414.

[Published May 29, 1865.]

AN ACT to extend the right of suffrage.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The right of voting is hereby extended to male persons of African blood, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years or upwards, with the same qualifications and restrictions now imposed upon other voters in section one of article on suffrage in the constitution.

Right of suffrage extended to male persons of African blood.

SECTION 2. This act, before it takes effect, shall be submitted to the people at a general election to be held on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday of November, 1865, when, if such majority of votes as is required by the constitution, be cast for it, it shall be of force and effect under the requirements hereinafter prescribed; but if such majority be not cast for it, it shall have no force or effect.

Question to be submitted to the people.

SECTION 3. The form of the ballot to be used on this occasion, shall be for the affirmative, "for extension of suffrage," for the negative, "for the extension of suffrage, no," which shall be on the gen-

Form of ballots.

eral ballot used at the said election, and deposited in the same box, and all persons qualified by law to vote at any election in this state, shall be deemed voters on this question.

**Return of votes.**

**SECTION 4.** These votes shall be counted and returned by the inspectors of the election, in all respects as votes for state officers are counted and returned.

**Canvass of votes.**

**SECTION 5.** The officers now designated by law to canvass the returns of votes for state officers, shall canvass the returns on this question, at the same place and under the same regulations and restrictions now provided by law for canvassing and declaring the returns of elections for state officers.

**Governor to declare results.**

**SECTION 6.** Within three days after the determination of such canvass, it shall be the duty of the canvassers to certify the result of the said canvass to the governor, who shall, thereupon, without delay, make proclamation of the result, and publish the same, daily and weekly, for two weeks, in all newspapers printed in the state; when, if the result shall be in favor of the extension of suffrage, this act shall immediately after such publication be of force and effect, but if not in favor of it, then this act shall have no force or effect.

**This act to be published in every paper in state.**

**SECTION 7.** This act immediately after its passage, shall be published, and at least three months previously to said general election, the secretary of state shall send or cause to be sent a correct copy of it to every newspaper in the state, which newspaper upon publication of the same, shall be entitled to pay for the same out of the state treasury, at the rates paid for other legal advertising.

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