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CHAPTER 289.

AN ACT to provide for the payment of a sum of money therein named to Mrs. Margret Coleman, the widow of Charles G. Coleman, of Durand, Wisconsin.

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

Appropriation.

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of two thousand dollars (2,000) to Mrs. Margret Coleman, the widow of Charles G. Coleman of Durand, Wisconsin.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 290.

AN ACT to submit to the people an amendment to section 4, of article 6, section 12 of article 7, and section 1 of article 13, of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, so as to provide for biennial general elections.

Biennial sessions.

Whereas, at the annual session of the legislature of this state for the year 1881, an amendment to the constitution of this state was proposed and agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses thereof, which amendment was the following language:

Resolved.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That section 4 of article 6 of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, be so amended as to read as follows: Section 4. Sheriffs, coroners, registers of deeds, district attorneys, and all other county officers, except judicial officers, shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties, once in every two years. Sheriffs shall hold no other office, and be ineligible for two years next succeeding the termination of their offices; they may be required by law to renew their security from time to time, and in default of giving such new security their office shall be deemed vacant, but the county shall never be made responsible for the acts of the sheriff. The governor may remove any officer in this section mentioned, giving to such a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being heard in his defense. All vacancies shall be filled by appointment,

and the person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold only for the unexpired portion of the term to which he shall be appointed and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. That section 12, article 7 of said constitution be so amended as to read as follows: Section 12. There shall be a clerk of the circuit court chosen in each county organized for judicial purposes by the qualified electors thereof, who shall hold his office for two years, subject to removal as shall be provided by law; in case of a vacancy, the judge of the circuit court shall have power to appoint a clerk until the vacancy shall be filled by an election; the clerk thus elected or appointed, shall give such security as the legislature may require. The supreme court shall appoint its own clerk, and a clerk of the circuit court may be appointed a clerk of the supreme court. That section 1, article 13, of said constitution, be so amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. The political year for the state of Wisconsin shall commence on the first Monday in January in each year, and the general elections shall be holden on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November. The first general election for all state and county officers, except judicial officers, after the adoption of this amendment, shall be holden in the year A. D. 1884, and thereafter the general election shall be held biennially. All state, county, or other officers, elected at the general election in the year 1881, and whose term of office would otherwise expire on the first Monday of January in the year 1884, shall hold and continue in such offices respectively, until the first Monday in January in the year 1885. And

Whereas, The foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, was duly ratified and agreed to by the legislature of said state for the year 1882, by a majority of all the members elected to each house thereof, therefore

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

SECTION 1. The foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution of the state of Wisconsin shall be submitted to the people of this state, at a general election to be held on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1882, and if the people shall approve and ratify the said amendments by a majority of the electors voting thereon, said amendments shall become a part of the constitution of this state.

Shall be submitted to the people.

Form

SECTION 2. The form of the ballot for voting to approve and ratify said amendments shall be :

For amendment to section 4, article 6, of the constitution.

For amendment to section 12, article 7, of the constitution.

For amendment to section 1, article 13, of the constitution.

And the form of the ballot against said amendments shall be :

Against amendment to section 4, article 6, of the constitution.

Against amendment to section 12, article 7, of the constitution.

Against amendment to section 1, article 13, of the constitution.

Said ballots shall be separate and apart from any other ballot, and shall be cast in separate boxes to be provided for that purpose; and all persons qualified to vote at any election in this state, shall be deemed voters on this question.

Canvass of votes.

SECTION 3. The votes cast for or against said amendments shall be counted and returned by the inspectors of the election in all respects as votes for state officers are counted and returned, and the officers in counties now designated by law to canvass the returns of votes for state officers, shall canvass the returns in their respective counties on this question, and certify and return the result to the state canvassers at the same time and places, and under the same regulations and restrictions, now provided by law for canvassing and declaring the returns for elections of state officers, and the state canvassers shall canvass said returns, certified to them as provided by law in case of elections for state officers.

Result to be certified.

SECTION 4. Within three days after the determination of said canvass by the state canvassers, they shall certify the result thereof to the governor, who shall thereupon without delay, make proclamation of the result.

Election notice.

SECTION 5. The secretary of state is hereby required to include the substance of this act in the notice of the general election for the year 1882.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 30, 1882.