

That section 1, article XIII of said constitution, be so amended 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.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing amendments to the constitution be and the same are hereby agreed to by this legislature.

[No. 22, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4.

In relation to the swamp and overflowed land fund.

WHEREAS, owing to the excessive floods of the past few years and the consequent damage and distress suffered by the inhabitants and owners of lands adjacent to streams liable to overflow, applications for aid and relief have been made to the legislature in different forms; and

WHEREAS, it may be thought desirable to render such aid and protection as far as practicable, from the swamp and overflowed fund; and

WHEREAS, the condition of said fund and the laws and regulations in relation to the same are not generally well known and understood, and it is not practicable for all interested to make the investigation necessary for full and correct information concerning the same, therefore,

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, that the secretary of state is hereby requested, at as early a day as possible, to collect and cause to be printed copies of the original grant made by the United States government to the state of Wisconsin, of swamp and overflowed lands, and of all the laws of the United States and of this state directly pertaining to this subject, together with all decisions of the department of the interior, and messages of the governors of this state in relation thereto, and also such correspondence between this state and the government of the united States respecting the acceptance and selection of such lands as he shall deem

necessary for a full explanation of the subject. That one thousand copies of this report shall be printed, and each member of this legislature shall be entitled to six copies thereof.

[No. 18, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5.

In relation to suffrage.

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, which amendment was in the following language :

Resolved, by the assembly, the senate concurring, that section 1 of article 3 of the constitution of this state, be amended by inserting after the word "election," where the same occurs in the third line of said section, the words "and in the election district where he offers to vote, such time as may be prescribed by the legislature, not exceeding thirty days," and by adding at the end of said section the words "and provided further, that in incorporated cities and villages, the legislature may provide for the registration of electors, and prescribe proper rules and regulations therefor," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: Section 1. Every male person of the age of twenty-one years or upwards belonging to either of the following classes who shall have resided in the state for one year next preceding any election, and in the election district where he offers to vote, such time as may be prescribed by the legislature, not exceeding thirty days, shall be deemed a qualified elector at such election. 1. Citizens of the United States. 2. Persons of foreign birth, who shall have declared their intention to become citizens conformably to the laws of the United States on the subject of naturalization. 3. Persons of Indian blood, who have once been declared by law of congress to be citizens of the United States, any subsequent law of congress to the contrary notwithstanding. 4. Civilized persons, of Indian decent, not members of any tribe; provided, that the legislature may at any time extend, by law, the right of suffrage to persons not herein enumerated; but no such law shall be in force until the same shall have been submitted to a vote of the people at a general election, and approved by a majority of all the votes cast at such election; and, provided, further, that in incorporated cities and villages, the legislature may provide for the registration of electors, and prescribe proper rules and regulations therefor.

Resolved, by the senate, the assembly concurring, that the foregoing amendment to the constitution be and the same is hereby agreed to by this legislature.