

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

[Jt. Res. No. 102, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71.

Thanking Mrs. Benjamin Hooper for flowers presented to the legislature.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Benjamin Hooper has presented each house of the legislature with a beautiful bouquet of flowers together with an expression of her appreciation of the "unfailing kindness and courtesy" shown her by the Wisconsin legislators during the years she has worked in the interests of women's suffrage, now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the legislature appreciates the persistent and courageous efforts of Mrs. Benjamin Hooper in behalf of woman's suffrage, and that we thank her for the beautiful flowers which she has so kindly presented to the senate and to the assembly; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the journal of each house and that a copy of the same, properly attested, be forwarded to Mrs. Hooper.

[Jt. Res. No. 106, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72.

Referring to the next legislature a proposed amendment to the constitution.

WHEREAS, A majority of the members elected to each of the two houses of the legislature have agreed to the following proposed amendment to section 3, article XI of the constitution: "(Article XI) Section 3. *Cities and villages organized pursuant to state law* * * * are hereby empowered, to determine their local affairs and government subject only to this constitution and to such enactments of the legislature of statewide concern as shall with uniformity affect every city or village. The method of such determination shall be prescribed by the legislature. * * * No county, city, town, village, school district, or other municipal corporation shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner or for any purpose to any amount including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein, to be ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness. Any county, city, town, village, school district, or other municipal corporation incurring any indebtedness as aforesaid shall, before or at the time of doing so, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest of such debt as it falls due, and also to

pay and discharge the principal thereof within twenty years from the time of contracting the same; except that when such indebtedness is incurred in the acquisition of lands by cities, or by counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or over, for public, municipal purposes, or for the permanent improvement thereof, the city or county incurring the same shall, before or at the time of so doing, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof within a period not exceeding fifty years from the time of contracting the same." Be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that the same shall be published for three months previous to the time of holding such election.

[Jt. Res. No. 102, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 73.

Referring to the next legislature a proposed amendment to the constitution.

WHEREAS, A majority of the members elected to each of the two houses of the legislature have by joint resolution No. 26, A. agreed to the following proposed amendment to section 5 of article I of the constitution: (Article I) Section 5. The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate, and shall extend to all cases at law without regard to the amount in controversy; but a jury trial may be waived by the parties in all cases in the manner prescribed by law. *Provided, however, that the legislature may, from time to time, by statute provide that a valid verdict, in civil cases, may be based on the votes of a specified number of the jury, not less than five-sixths thereof.*

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That this proposed amendment to the constitution be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election, and that the same be published for three months previous to the time of holding such election.

Assembly: Ayes 59; Noes 4.

Senate: Ayes 23; Noes 0.