

[Jt. Res. No. 8, S.]

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No. 58, 1931.

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend Section 1 of Article VII of the constitution, relating to impeachments, and to submit this amendment to vote of the people at the general election of November 1932.

WHEREAS, At the biennial session of the legislature for the year 1929, an amendment to the constitution was proposed and agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment is as follows:

“(Article VII) ‘Section 1. The court for the trial of impeachments shall be composed of the senate. The * * * *assembly* shall have the power of impeaching all civil officers of this state for corrupt conduct in office, or for crimes or misdemeanors; but a majority of all the members elected shall concur in an impeachment. On the trial of an impeachment against the governor, the lieutenant governor shall not act as a member of the court. No judicial officer shall exercise his office, after he shall have been impeached, until his acquittal. Before the trial of an impeachment the members of the court shall take an oath or affirmation truly and impartially to try the impeachment according to evidence; and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present. Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office, or removal from office and disqualification to hold any office of honor, profit or trust under the state; but the party impeached shall be liable to indictment, trial and punishment according to law.’ ”; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the foregoing amendment to the constitution of the state of Wisconsin be and the same is hereby agreed to by this legislature. Be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendment be submitted to vote of the people at the general election in November 1932, and if the people shall approve and ratify the said amendment by

a vote of the majority of the electors voting thereon, such amendment shall become a part of the constitution of this state.

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No. 59, 1931.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to gifts to the University of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin is a state institution; and
WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin was dedicated to a policy of learning which holds that human rights shall always be paramount over property rights: and

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin, with its old traditions is a story of high ideals in American citizenship, and of unhampered freedom for truth in learning; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1930, the University Board of Regents authorized the acceptance by the University of money gifts for research from private sources subject to conditions not thoroughly understood; and

WHEREAS, There is an ever present danger that such gifts and donations may color the results of research to the detriment of the general public; and

WHEREAS, Intellectual integrity and academic freedom are jeopardized through the receipt of such conditional money gifts from private sources and the confidence of the people in that institution is thereby lost; and

WHEREAS, The general tax levies upon the people for the support of its state institutions of higher education is not justified if private gift money is permitted to influence the program of learning by modern educational exploitations; and

WHEREAS, The independence of our state University is as vital to the welfare of our people as the independence of our state legislature; and