

[No. 33, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8.

For the submission of an amendment to section 1 of article VII of the constitution relating to the justices of the supreme court.

RESOLVED, by the assembly, the senate concurring, that section 1 of article VII of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. The chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court shall be severally known as the justices of said court, with the same terms of office of ten years respectively as now provided. The supreme court shall consist of seven justices, any four of whom shall be a quorum, to be elected as now provided, not more than one each year. The justice having been longest a continuous member of said court, or in case two or more such senior justices shall have served for the same length of time, then the one whose commission first expires shall be ex-officio, the chief justice.

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JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9.

Agreeing to a proposed amendment to article XIII of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, to prohibit the pass system.

WHEREAS, at the biennial session of the legislature of this state for the year 1899, 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 proposed amendment was in the following language:

RESOLVED by the senate, the assembly concurring, that article 13 of the constitution be amended by adding a new section to be numbered, and to read as follows: Section 11. No person, association, co-partnership or corporation, shall promise, offer or give for any purpose to any political committee or any member or employee thereof, to any candidate for or incur-

bent of any office or position under the constitution or laws, or under any ordinance of any town or municipality, of this state, or to any person at the request or for the advantage of all or any of them, any free pass or frank, or any privilege withheld from any person, for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property, or for the transmission of any message or communication. No political committee, and no member or employee thereof, no candidate for and no incumbent of any office or position under the constitution or laws, or under any ordinance of any town or municipality of this state, shall ask for, or accept, from any person, association, co-partnership, or corporation, or use, in any manner, or for any purpose, any free pass or frank, or any privilege withheld from any person, for the travelling accommodation or transportation of any person or property, or the transmission of any message or communication. Any violation of any of the above provisions shall be bribery and punished as provided by law, and if any officer or any member of the legislature be guilty thereof, his office shall become vacant. No person within the purview of this act shall be privileged from testifying in relation to anything therein prohibited; and no person having so testified shall be liable to any prosecution or punishment for any offense concerning which he was required to give his testimony or produce any documentary evidence. The railroad commissioner and his deputy in the discharge of duty are excepted from the provisions of this amendment.

RESOLVED by the assembly, the senate concurring, that the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, be and the same hereby is agreed to by this legislature.