

[No. 134, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67.

To amend sections 6 and 7, of article VII, of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, relating to circuit judges.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That section 6, article VII, and section 7, article VII, of the constitution, be amended to read: Section 6. The legislature may alter the limits, *decrease* or increase the number of circuits, making them as compact and convenient as practicable, and bounding them by county lines; but no such alteration, *decrease* or increase shall have the effect to remove a judge from office. In case of an increase of circuits, the judge or judges shall be elected as provided in this constitution, and receive a salary not less than that herein provided for judges of the circuit court.

SECTION 7. For each circuit there shall be chosen by the qualified electors thereof one *or more* circuit judges, * * * as the legislature may, from time to time, authorize. * * * Every circuit judge shall reside in the circuit from which he is elected, and shall hold his office for such term and receive such compensation as the legislature shall prescribe.

[No. 144, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 68.

Relating to the appointment of a joint committee to examine and investigate schoolbook prices, and the text-book situation in this state, and to prepare a plan for curing any abuses that may be found to exist.

WHEREAS, A bill was introduced in this legislature relating to uniform text-books, and

WHEREAS, During the debate upon said bill charges were made that there existed a schoolbook trust in this state, and that prices for schoolbooks were unduly high in this state because of this trust and its manipulations, and

WHEREAS, This question has come up from time to time in this state and remains a grave unsettled problem of state policy; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That a joint committee be appointed to consist of three assemblymen, to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, and two senators, to be appointed by the presiding officer of the senate, for the purpose of examining and investigating schoolbook prices and the text-book situation in this state, and to prepare a plan, if need be, in the form of a bill, to be presented to the next

legislature which will cure any abuses, if any are found to exist, in the sale of schoolbooks in this state. Be it further

Resolved, That said committee so appointed shall by a majority vote of the members thereof have full power to discharge the duties assigned by this resolution, to subpoena and examine witnesses, to take testimony, to order and require the production of books and papers necessary for a thorough investigation by said committee; that each member of said committee shall have power to administer oaths to persons appearing before it; that said committee shall have power to employ such stenographers, clerks and other assistants as it may deem necessary, and to fix the compensation of such persons as it shall employ; that said committee shall have power to hold such meetings at such places and at such times as it shall deem most expedient. Be it further

Resolved, That each member of said committee shall be reimbursed by the state for his actual and necessary expenses incurred while in the performance of duties hereby assigned, but shall receive no compensation for time devoted to the work of said committee.

[No. 89, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69.

Relating to the biennial report of the state forester.

WHEREAS, The biennial report of the state forester does not present for the use of the legislature any of the financial transactions of that department; and

WHEREAS, It is most important that the cost of the lands purchased and the expenditures made in the several branches of the state forester's work shall be available for legislative use; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the state forester be, and he is hereby directed to furnish to this legislature as soon as convenient, and hereafter publish in his biennial report, a statement of the several amounts received and the sources from which received, and a statement showing the classified expenditures of his department in each of the lines of work undertaken by him; the number of acres of land bought, the number of acres held under option or contract, together with the names of the persons, firms or corporations from whom purchased, in all cases, and the commission paid or agreed to be paid, if any, with the section, town, and range where located, and the price per acre paid for the same, and the last assessment thereon; the number of acres sold, and the price received therefor, and the cost thereof, with the year of purchase; the