

*“Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That section 4 of article VI of the constitution be amended to read: (Article VI) Section 4. Sheriffs, coroners, registers of deeds, district attorneys, and all other county officers except judicial officers, shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every two years. Sheriffs shall hold no other office, and * * * may succeed themselves; they may be required by law to renew their security from time to time, and in default of giving such new security their office shall be deemed vacant; but the county shall never be made responsible for the acts of the sheriff. The governor may remove any officer in this section mentioned, giving to such a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being heard in his defense. All vacancies shall be filled by appointment, and the person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold only for the unexpired portion of the term to which he shall be appointed and until his successor shall be elected and qualified.”*

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

[Jt. Res. No. 16, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37, A.

To create section 3b of article XI of the constitution, relating to the indebtedness of municipal corporations.

WHEREAS, At the biennial session of the legislature for the year 1919, 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:

“Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That there be added to article XI of the constitution a new section to read: (Article XI) Section 3b. Any city, in addition to the indebtedness of five per centum authorized by section 3 of this article, may incur an indebtedness not exceeding another five per centum on the value of the taxable property in such city for the purpose of acquiring or constructing street railway properties, or properties for the production, trans-

mission, delivery or furnishing of light, heat, water or power to the public"; now, therefore, be it

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

[Jt. Res. No. 5, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39, S.

To amend section 3 of article XI of the constitution, relating to powers of cities and villages.

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That section 3 of article XI of the constitution be amended to read: (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 state-wide concern as shall with uniformity affect every city or every 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 on 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.