

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

No. 19, 1927.

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend section 21 of article IV of the constitution, relating to compensation of members of the legislature.

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That section 21 of article IV of the constitution, be amended to read: (Article IV) Section 21. Each member of the legislature shall receive for his services * * * such sum * * * to be paid at such times and in such manner as shall be prescribed by law. The compensation prescribed for members of the legislature immediately prior to the adoption of this amendment shall continue in force until changed by the legislature in a manner consistent with the other provisions of this constitution.*

Resolved further, 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.

Received March 17, 1927.

[Jt. Res. No. 23, A.]

No. 21, 1927.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing Congress to provide for earlier seating of senators and representatives elect.

WHEREAS, Members of Congress are elected in November of even-numbered years but under the present constitution of the United States do not meet in regular session until December of the year following; and

WHEREAS, In the so-called "short" sessions of Congress which convene in December following each general election there are

always many members who were defeated for reelection and repudiated by their constituents; and

WHEREAS, This provision of the constitution operates to prevent the will of the people from being expressed in legislation within a reasonable time; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin hereby earnestly requests and petitions Congress to adopt and submit to the states the so-called "Norris amendment" to the constitution of the United States for the earlier commencement of the terms of President, Vice President and Members of Congress and for the convening of Congress in January of the year following its election.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution duly attested by the presiding officers and chief clerks of the senate and assembly be forwarded to the presiding officers of both houses of Congress and to the Wisconsin senators and representatives therein.

Received March 31, 1927.

[Jt. Res. No. 25, A.]

No. 22, 1927.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing Congress to grant federal aid in the construction of interstate bridges.

WHEREAS, The boundaries dividing the several states in many instances consist of natural water courses and rivers; and

WHEREAS, The cost of interstate bridges is very great since the rivers in many instances are wide and the engineering and construction problems difficult to solve; and

WHEREAS, The constitution of the United States vests in Congress control over all interstate communication and the federal government is vitally interested in developing national highways cutting across state lines. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin earnestly requests and petitions the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to give