

elections for electors of president and vice president of the United States, and the representatives in congress in all the states of the union: Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the electors of president and vice president shall be appointed in each state on the second Tuesday of October, in the year in which they are to be appointed, and that representatives in congress shall be elected in each state on the second Tuesday of October next preceding the beginning of the term of congress to which they are elected; and so much of the act relative to the election of a president and vice president of the United States and declaring the officer who shall act as president in case of vacancies in the offices both of president and vice president, approved March 1, 1792, and of the act to establish a uniform time for holding elections for electors of president and vice president in all the states in the union, approved January 27, 1845, as is inconsistent with this act is hereby repealed; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that there should be but one general election, so called, held in each year in this state; therefore;

Resolved by the assembly and senate of the state of Wisconsin, That section four of article four of the constitution of this state be amended so as to read as follows: Section 4. The members of the assembly shall be chosen annually by single districts, on the second Tuesday of October, by the qualified electors of the several districts, such districts to be bounded by county, precinct, town or ward lines, to consist of contiguous territory, and be in as compact form as practicable.

Resolved, That section one of article thirteen of the constitution of this state be amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. The political year for the state of Wisconsin shall commence on the first day of January in each year, and the general election shall be holden on the second Tuesday of October of each year.

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JOINT RESOLUTION to amend article four of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That article four of the constitution be amended by adding thereto [two]

other sections which shall read as follows: Section 31. The legislature is prohibited from enacting any special or private laws in the following cases: 1st. For changing the name of persons or constituting one person the heir-at-law of another. 2d. For laying out, opening or altering highways, except in cases of state roads extending into more than one county, and military roads to aid in the construction of which, lands may be granted by congress. 3d. For authorizing persons to keep ferries across streams, at points wholly within this state. 4th. For authorizing the sale or mortgage of real or personal property of minors or others under disability. 5th. For locating or changing any county seat. 6th. For assessment or collection of taxes or for extending the time for the collection thereof. 7th. For granting corporate powers or privileges, except to cities. 8th. For authorizing the apportionment of any part of the school fund. 9th. For incorporating any town or village, or to amend the charter thereof. Section 32. The legislature shall provide general laws for the transaction of any business that may be prohibited by section thirty-one of this article, and all such laws shall be uniform in their operation throughout the state.

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