

## NUMBER 8.

JOINT RESOLUTION, agreeing to an amendment to section four of article seven of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, The legislature of this state, at its annual session for the year 1871, proposed and adopted, by a vote of a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, an amendment to the constitution of this state in the following language :

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That section four of article seven of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows: Section 4. The supreme court of this state, with the jurisdiction and powers prescribed in this constitution shall consist of one chief justice and four associate justices, to be elected by the qualified electors of the state at such times and in such manner as the legislature may provide, and such court so constituted shall not be changed or discontinued by the legislature. The chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court now in office shall hold their offices for the remainder of the terms for which they were respectively elected, and until the election and qualification of the two additional associate justices herein provided for, shall constitute the supreme court of this state. The legislature shall at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, provide by law for the election of the two additional associate justices hereby required and their successors, and for the election of the successors of the chief justice and associate justices now in office, and for classifying the two additional associate justices first elected, so that the term of office of one of them shall be four years, and of the other six years. The term of office of the chief justice and of each associate justice of the supreme court elected after the adoption of this amendment, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be six years."

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That the foregoing amendment to the constitution be, and the same hereby is agreed to by this legislature.

Approved March 7, 1872.