

meeting of the legislature, on the most usual route. In case of an extra session of the legislature, no additional compensation shall be allowed to any member thereof, either directly or indirectly, except for mileage, to be computed at the same rate as for a regular session. No stationery, newspapers, postage, or other perquisites, except the salary and mileage above provided, shall be received from the state by any member of the legislature for his services, or in any other manner, as such member.

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

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No. 16, A.

JOINT RESOLUTION proposing amendments to section four of article six, section twelve of article seven, and section one of article thirteen of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, so as to provide for biennial general elections.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That section four of article six of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, be so amended as to read as follows:

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 be ineligible for two years next succeeding the termination of their offices; 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.

That section twelve, article seven, of said constitution, be so amended as to read as follows: Section 12. There shall be a clerk of the circuit court chosen in each county organized for judicial purposes, by the qualified electors thereof, who shall hold his office for two years, subject to removal as shall be provided by law. In case of a vacancy, the judge of the circuit court shall have power to appoint a clerk until the vacancy shall be filled by an election. The clerk thus elected or appointed, shall give such security as the legislature may require. The supreme court shall appoint its own clerk, and a clerk of the circuit court may be appointed a clerk of the supreme court.

That section one, article thirteen, of said constitution, be so amended as to read as follows: Section 1. The political year for the state of Wisconsin shall commence on the first Monday in January in each year, and the general elections shall be holden on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November. The first general election for all state and county officers, except judicial officers, after the adoption of this amendment, shall be holden in the year A. D. 1884, and thereafter the general election shall be held biennially. All state, county, or other officers, elected at the general election in the year 1881, and whose term of office would otherwise expire on the first Monday of January in the year 1884, shall hold and continue in such offices respectively, until the first Monday in January in the year 1885.

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No. 26, A.

JOINT RESOLUTION regarding the registry law.

*Resolved*, By the assembly, the senate concurring, that section one, of article three, of the constitution of this state, be amended by inserting after the word "election," where the same occurs in the third line of said section, the words, "and in the election district where he offers to vote, such time as may be prescribed by the legislature, not exceeding thirty days," and by adding at the end of said section the words "and, provided further, that in incorporated cities and villages, the legislature may provide for the registration of electors, and prescribe proper rules and regulations therefor," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: Section 1. Every male person, of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, belonging to either of the following classes, who shall have resided in the state for one year next preceding any election, and in the election district where he offers to vote such time as may be prescribed by the legislature, not exceeding thirty days, shall be deemed a qualified elector at such election. 1. Citizens of the United States. 2. Persons of foreign birth, who shall have declared their intention to become citizens conformably to the laws of the United States on the subject of naturalization. 3. Persons of Indian blood, who have once been declared by law of congress to be citizens of the United States, any subsequent law of congress to the contrary notwithstanding. 4. Civilized persons, of Indian descent, not members of any tribe: provided, that the legislature may at any time extend, by law, the right of suffrage to persons not herein enumerated; but no such law shall be in force until the same shall have been submitted to a vote of the people at a general election, and approved by a majority of all the votes cast at such election: and, provided further, that in incorporated cities and villages, the legislature may provide for the registration of electors, and prescribe proper rules and regulations therefor.