

vestigation and recommendations to this legislature; that said committee serve without compensation but be paid their actual expense incurred, and have full power to take testimony without employing any attorneys or experts, and to do and perform fully the things necessary to make such investigation as said committee may deem the facts warrant.

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[Jt. Res. No. 13, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37.

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

WHEREAS, At the biennial session of the legislature for the year 1917, 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 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;”* now, therefore, be it

*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.*

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[Jt. Res. No. 22, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38.

To amend section 4 of article VI of the constitution, relating to county officers.

*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.

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[Jt. Res. No. 48, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39.

Providing for an investigation of the state historical society by a committee of the legislature.

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That a committee of five to consist of two senators and three assemblymen be appointed to make an investigation of the management and affairs of the state historical society and report to the legislature.

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

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40.

Relating to relinquishment of federal control of the telephone systems.

WHEREAS, The telephone industry is essentially a local business and ninety per cent of telephone toll transactions are carried on and completed within a radius of thirty-five miles of the local exchange; and

WHEREAS, There are in Wisconsin a large number of telephone plants owned, controlled and operated by local interest; and

WHEREAS, The results of government operation of the telephones have been to deny to the public in many localities adequate telephone service and to work hardship to many telephone users and to hamper the telephone companies of Wisconsin by unnecessary restrictions which have produced a loss of revenue and which have engendered lack of confidence on the part of the public in the telephone business and have produced great confusion in the operation of telephones; and

WHEREAS, It appears to be the present plan and policy of the federal government to seek authority to continue federal operation of the telephones, which continued federal operation, we believe, will result in the entire elimination from the field of the independent telephone companies of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, If any actual occasion ever did in fact exist for