

[Jt. Res. No. 42, S.]

No. 47, 1925.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for referendum relative to memorializing congress to amend the National Prohibition Act.

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WHEREAS, The eighteenth amendment to the constitution was ratified by the legislature of the state of Wisconsin without submission to a vote of the people; and

WHEREAS, Under the "concurrent" clause of said amendment the legislature of the state of Wisconsin provided for the manufacture and sale of non-intoxicating beer by Chapter 556, Laws of 1919; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent thereto the congress of the United States passed the National Prohibition Act commonly known as the "Volstead Act" limiting the alcoholic percentage of beverages to one-half of one per cent by volume, and

WHEREAS, Subsequent thereto the supreme court of the United States ruled that the congressional enactment superseded the state enactment, and

WHEREAS, A large portion of the citizens of this state are desirous that said National Prohibition Law be amended so as to permit the lawful manufacture and sale within this state of palatable beer of an alcoholic percentage not in conflict with the provisions of the eighteenth amendment; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That there be submitted to the voters of the state of Wisconsin at the general elections to be held in this state in November 1926 the following question, so as to determine if a majority of the people of the state of Wisconsin desire the Volstead Act amended:—

Shall the congress of the United States amend the "Volstead Act" so as to authorize the manufacture and sale of beer, for beverage purposes, of an alcoholic percentage of 2.75% by weight, under government supervision but with the provision that no beverage so purchased shall be drunk on the premises where obtained?