

amount of the account, and there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to pay such warrant.

§ 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage

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AN ACT to extend the right of Suffrage.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. The right of voting is hereby extended to male persons of African blood who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years or upwards, with the same qualifications and restrictions now imposed upon other voters in Section 1, of article on suffrage in the constitution. Suffrage extended to male persons of African blood.

§ 2. This act, before it takes effect, shall be submitted to the people at a general election to be held on Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday of November, 1857, when, if such majority of votes as is required by the Constitution, be cast for it, it shall be of force and effect under the requirements hereinafter prescribed; but if such majority be not cast for it, shall have no force or effect. Act submitted to the people.

§ 3. The form of the ballot to be used on this occasion shall be for the affirmative, "For extension of suffrage," for the negative, "For the extension of suffrage, no," which shall be on the general ballot used at the said election, and deposited in the same box; and all persons qualified by law to vote at any election in this State shall be deemed voters on this question. Form of ballot.

§ 4. These votes shall be counted and returned by the Inspectors of the election in all respects as votes for State officers are counted and returned.

§ 5. The officers now designated by law to canvass the returns of votes for State officers shall canvass the returns on this questions at the same place and under the same regulations and restrictions now provided by law for canvassing and declaring the returns of elections for State officers.

Governor to de-
clare result.

§ 6. Within three days after the determination of such canvass it shall be the duty of the canvassers to certify the result of the said canvass to the Governor, who shall thereupon without delay make proclamation of the result, and publish the same daily and weekly for two weeks in all newspapers printed in the State, when if the result shall be in favor of the extension of suffrage, this act shall immediately after such publication be of force and effect, but if not in favor of it, then this act shall have no force or effect.

§ 7. This act, immediately after its passage, shall be published, and at least three months previous to said general election, the Secretary of State shall send, or cause to be sent, a correct copy of it to every newspaper in the State, which newspaper, upon the publication of the same, shall be entitled to pay for the same out of the State Treasury at the rates paid for other legal advertising.

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Chap. 45.

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AN ACT to exempt certain property therein named from taxation.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Property of Agri-
cultural Societies
exempt from
taxation.

§ 1. That all property, real and personal, held and belonging to any Agricultural Society in this State, when organized under the provisions of an act entitled "an act for the encouragement and promotion of agriculture," passed May 14th, 1856, and also Chapter 110 amendatory thereof, and all Agricultural Societies that