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CHAPTER 262.

AN ACT to submit to the people an amendment of sections four, five, eleven and twenty-one, article four, of the constitution of this state.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, At the annual session of the legislature of this state for the year 1880, an amendment to the constitution of this state was proposed and agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which amendment was in the following language:

Resolution.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, that section four of article four of the constitution of this state, be amended so as to read as follows: Section 4. The members of the assembly shall be chosen biennially by single districts, on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of November, after the adoption of this amendment, by the qualified electors of the several districts; such districts be bounded by county, precinct, town or ward lines; to consist of contiguous territory, and be in as compact form as practicable.

Members of the assembly.

Senators.

That section five, of article four, of the constitution of this state, be amended so as to read as follows: Section 5. The senators shall be elected by single districts of convenient contiguous territory at the same time and in the same manner as members of the assembly are required to be chosen, and no assembly district shall be divided in the formation of a senate district. The senate districts shall be numbered in the regular series, and the senators shall be chosen alternately from the odd and even numbered districts. The senators elected or holding over at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall continue in office till their successors are duly elected and qualified. And after the adoption of this amendment, all senators shall be chosen for the term of four years.

Meeting of legislature.

That section eleven of article four, of the constitution of this state be amended so as to read as follows: Section 11. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government at such time as shall be provided by law, once in two years, and no oftener, ~~unless convened~~ by the governor in special session, and when so convened no business shall be transacted except as shall be necessary to accomplish the special purposes for which it was convened.

That section twenty-one of article four of the constitution of this state, be amended so as to read as follows: Section 21. Each member of the legislature shall receive for his services for and during a regular session, the sum of five hundred dollars, and ten cents for every mile he shall travel in going to and returning from the place of 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.

Compensation of members.

WHEREAS, The foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of this state, was duly ratified and agreed to by the legislature of this state for the year 1881, by a majority of all members elected to each house, therefore: *The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Preamble.

SECTION 1. The foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution of this state, shall be submitted to the people at a general election to be held on Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of November, 1881, and if the people shall approve and ratify the said amendments by a majority of the electors voting thereon, said amendments shall become a part of the constitution of this state.

Submission of question to electors.

SECTION 2. The form of the ballot in voting to approve and ratify said amendments shall be: for the amendment to section four, article four, of the constitution; for the amendment to section five, article four, of the constitution; for the amendment to section eleven, article four, of the constitution; for the amendment to section twenty-one, article four, of the constitution. And the form of the ballots against said amendment shall be: against the amendment to section four, article four, of the constitution; against the amendment to section five, article four, of the constitution; against the amendment to section eleven, article four, of the constitution; against the amendment to section twenty-one, article four, of the constitution. They shall be on separate ballots, and said ballots shall be cast in separate boxes, to be provided for that purpose, and all persons qualified to vote at any election in this state, shall be deemed voters on this question.

Form of ballot.

Canvass of
votes.

SECTION 3. The votes cast for or against said amendments, shall be counted and returned by the inspectors of the election in all respects as votes for state officers are counted and returned, and the officers in counties now designated by law to canvass the returns of votes for state officers, shall canvass the returns in their respective counties on this question, and certify and return the result to the state canvassers at the same time and places, and under the same regulations and restrictions, now provided by law for canvassing and declaring the returns for elections of state officers, and the state canvassers shall canvass said returns, certified to them as provided by law in case of elections for state officers.

Proclamation
of governor.

SECTION 4. Within three days after the determination of said canvass by the state canvassers, they shall certify the result thereof to the governor, who shall thereupon, without delay, make proclamation of the result.

SECTION 5. The secretary of state is hereby required to include the substance of this act in the notice of the general election for the year 1881.

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CHAPTER 263.

AN ACT to amend section two hundred and fifteen of the revised statutes, entitled of public lands.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Certificates,
how made, re-
corded and
assigned.

SECTION 1. Section two hundred and fifteen of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out, after the word "filed," in the second line, the words "and recorded," so that said section, when so amended, will read as follows: Section 215. All original and duplicate certificates shall be properly numbered, and the original shall be filed in the office of said commissioners, and as many distinct lots or tracts of lands hereafter purchased by one person in one section at the same time, as he shall request, shall be included in one certificate or one patent, as the case may be. All certificates may be acknowledged and recorded in the same manner that deeds may be. They may also be assigned in writing, which assignment may be acknowledged and recorded in like manner, and the person to whom the same shall be legally assigned, shall have