

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

No. 7, A.

JOINT RESOLUTION amending sections number four, five, eleven and twenty-one, article four of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin.

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:

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 to be bounded by county, precinct, town or ward lines, to consist of contiguous territory and be in as compact form as practicable.

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.

That section eleven of article four of the constitution of this state, be amended so as to read as follows: 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.

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.

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.