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**CHAPTER 437.**

**AN ACT** to submit to the people an amendment to article XIII of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin to prohibit the pass system.

**Preamble.** Whereas, At the biennial session of the legislature of this state in the year 1899 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:

**Provisions of amendment.** Resolved, By the Senate, the Assembly concurring, that article XIII of the Constitution be amended by adding a new section, to be numbered and to read as follows: Section II. No person, association, copartnership or corporation, shall promise, offer, or give, for any purpose, to any political committee, or any member or employee thereof, to any candidate for, or incumbent of any office or position under the constitution or laws, or under any ordinance of any town or municipality of this state, or to any person at the request or for the advantage of all, or any of them, any free pass or frank, or any privilege withheld from any person, for the travelling accommodation or transportation of any person or property, or the transmission of any message or communication. No political committee, and no member or employe thereof, no candidate for, and no incumbent of any office or position under the constitution or laws, or under any ordinance of any town or municipality of this state, shall ask for, or accept, from any person, association, co-partnership, or corporation, or use, in any manner, or for any purpose, any free pass or frank, or any privilege withheld from any person, for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property, or the transmission of any message or communication. Any violation of any of the above provisions shall be bribery and be punished as provided by law, and if any officer or any member of the legislature be guilty thereof, his office shall become vacant. No person within the purview of this act shall be privileged from testifying in relation to anything therein prohibited; and no person having so testified shall be liable to any prosecution or punishment for any offense concerning which he was required to give his testi-

mony or produce any documentary evidence. The railroad commissioner and his deputy in the discharge of duty are excepted from the provisions of this amendment.

**Preamble.** Whereas, The foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of this state was duly ratified, and agreed to by the legislature thereof at the biennial session in 1901, by a majority of all the members elected to each house, therefore

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

**When to be submitted to people.** SECTION 1. The foregoing proposed amendment 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, 1902, and if the people shall approve and ratify the said amendment by a majority of the electors voting thereon, said amendment shall become a part of the constitution of this state.

**Form of ballot; canvass of votes.** SECTION 2. The form of the ballot to be cast on the question of adopting or rejecting said amendment shall be "For the amendment to prohibit the pass system." Opposite said words shall be two spaces over one of which shall be printed the word "yes" and over one the word "no." The voter may mark his ballot in the space under whichever of said words indicates his intention. The marks made shall be such as the law now provides for. Said form of ballot shall be printed upon the ballot to be voted at such election after the names of the candidates and separated therefrom by an appropriate line or rule. The votes cast on the adoption of said amendment shall be canvassed and returned in the same time and manner as other votes cast at such election, and the result shall be determined and published in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 14, 1901.