

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, Statistics show that this country is almost constantly faced with the unemployment situation either sectional or national in its scope; and

WHEREAS, Unemployment subjects its victims to the ravages of extreme poverty and causes an enormous increase in crime; and

WHEREAS, The only way to combat this unemployment menace it to insure for the working man a steady and living wage. Therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the legislature of Wisconsin hereby respectfully memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation making it possible for the working man to be protected by unemployment insurance; be it, therefore,

*Resolved,* That properly attested copies of this resolution be sent to both houses of the Congress of the United States and to each Wisconsin member thereof.

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[Jt. Res. No. 14, A.]

[Deposited April 22, 1931.]

No. 71, 1931.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend section 3 of article XI of the constitution, relating to indebtedness secured by public utility and other income producing property of municipalities, and to submit this amendment to vote of the people at the general election of November, 1932.

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WHEREAS, at the biennial session of the legislature for the year 1929, an amendment to the constitution was proposed and agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment is as follows:

“(Article XI) Section 3. Cities and villages organized pursuant to state law are hereby empowered, to determine their local affairs and government, subject only to this constitution and to such enactments of the legislature of statewide concern as shall with uniformity affect every city or every village. The method

of such determination shall be prescribed by the legislature. No county, city, town, village, school district, or other municipal corporation shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner or for any purpose to any amount, including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein, to be ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness. Any county, city, town, village, school district, or other municipal corporation incurring any indebtedness as aforesaid, shall, before or at the time of doing so, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof within twenty years from the time of contracting the same; except that when such indebtedness is incurred in the acquisition of lands by cities, or by counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or over, for public, municipal purposes, or for the permanent improvement thereof, the city or county incurring the same shall, before or at the time of so doing, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof within a period not exceeding fifty years from the time of contracting the same. *Providing, that an indebtedness created for the purpose of purchasing, acquiring, leasing, constructing, extending, adding to, improving, conducting, controlling, operating or managing a public utility of a town, village or city, and secured solely by the property or income of such public utility, and whereby no municipal liability is created, shall not be considered an indebtedness of such town, village or city, and shall not be included in arriving at such five per centum debt limitation.*"; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the foregoing amendment to the constitution of the state of Wisconsin be and the same is hereby agreed to by this legislature. Be it further

*Resolved,* That the foregoing proposed amendment be submitted to vote of the people at the general election in November, 1932, and if the people shall approve and ratify the said amendment by a vote of the majority of the electors voting thereon, such amendment shall become a part of the constitution of this state. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the question on the ratification of said amendment shall be stated on the ballot as follows: "Shall Section 3 of Article XI of the Constitution be amended to allow municipalities to finance public utilities by mortgaging the utility or its income instead of incurring a general indebtedness to be paid from taxes?"

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[Jt. Res. No. 17, A.]

[Deposited May 7, 1931.]

No. 82, 1931.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to a constitutional convention to amend or repeal the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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WHEREAS, The eighteenth amendment to the United States Constitution providing for nationwide prohibition represents a policy which has proven unworkable and is contrary to the wishes of the great majority of the people of this state; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution provides for the calling of a constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution, when the requisite number of states request such a convention; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring*, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin hereby respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution, to call a convention for the purpose of either amending or repealing the eighteenth amendment. Be it further

*Resolved*, That properly attested copies of this resolution be transmitted to both houses of the Congress of the United States and to each Wisconsin member thereof.

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[Jt. Res. No. 13, A.]

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend section 1 of article IV and article XII of the constitution to give the people the power to propose laws and amend-