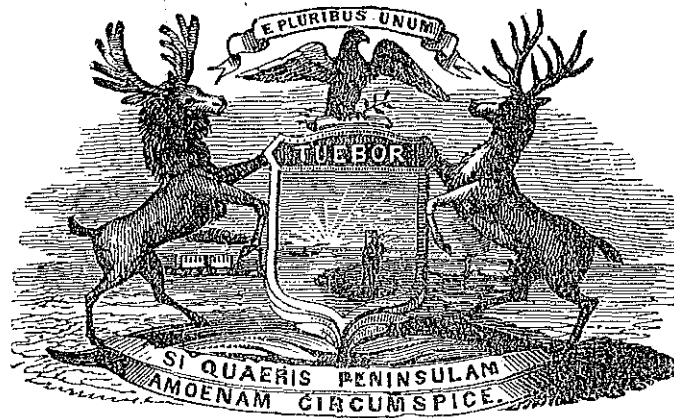


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OF THE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN,

PASSED AT THE  
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## ARTICLE X.

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SECTION 9. The board of supervisors of any county may borrow or raise by tax, two thousand dollars for constructing or repairing public buildings, highways or bridges; but no greater sum shall be borrowed or raised by tax for such purpose in any one year, unless authorized by a majority of the electors of each county voting thereon.

Said amendment shall be submitted to the people of this State at the next general election to be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy; and the Secretary of State is hereby required to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties in this State, in the same manner that he is now required to do in case of an election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor; and the inspectors of election in the several townships and cities in this State shall prepare a suitable box for the reception of ballots cast for and against said amendment. Each person voting for said amendment, shall have written or printed on his ballot, the words "Amendment relative to raising two thousand dollars for public buildings, highways or bridges, yes;" and each person voting against such amendment, the words "Amendment relative to raising two thousand dollars for public buildings, highways or bridges, no." The ballots shall in all respects be canvassed, and returns be made as in elections for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Approved April 5, 1869.

[ No. 42. ]

JOINT RESOLUTION proposing amendments to sections three and four, article four, section one, article seven, and section one, article seventeen, of the Constitution of Michigan, in relation respectively to the apportionment of Representatives, to the qualification of electors, and to the militia.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendments to the constitution

of this State, to stand respectively as sections three and four, of article four, section one, of article seven, and section one, of article seventeen, be and the same are hereby proposed, that is to say:

## ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 3. The House of Representatives shall consist of not less than sixty-four, nor more than one hundred members. Representatives shall be chosen for two years, and by single districts. Each representative district shall contain, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, exclusive of persons of Indian descent, who are not civilized, or are members of any tribe, and shall consist of convenient and contiguous territory; but no township or city shall be divided in the formation of a representative district. When any township or city shall contain a population which entitles it to more than one representative, then such township or city shall elect, by general ticket, the number of representatives to which it is entitled. Each county hereafter organized, with such territory as may be attached thereto, shall be entitled to a separate representative, when it has attained a population equal to a moiety of the ratio of representation. In every county entitled to more than one representative, the board of supervisors shall assemble at such time and place as the Legislature shall prescribe, and divide the same into representative districts, equal to the number of representatives to which such county is entitled by law, and shall cause to be filed in the offices of the Secretary of State and clerk of such county, a description of such representative districts, specifying the number of each district and population thereof, according to the last preceding enumeration.

Sec. 4. The Legislature shall provide by law for an enumeration of the inhabitants in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and every ten years thereafter; and at the first session after each enumeration so made, and also at the first session after each enumeration by the authority of the United States, the Legislature shall re-arrange the Senate districts, and appor-

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## ARTICLE XVII.

SECTION 1. The militia shall be composed of all able-bodied male citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years,

except such as are exempted by the laws of the United States, or of this State; but all such citizens, of any religious denomination whatever, who, from scruples of conscience, may be averse to bearing arms, shall be excused therefrom, upon such conditions as shall be prescribed by law. The said amendments shall be and are hereby submitted to the people at the next general election, to be holden on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November, eighteen hundred and seventy, as provided in section one, article twenty of the constitution; and the Secretary of State is hereby required to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties of this State, in the same manner that he is now by law required to do in the case of an election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor; and the inspectors of election in the several townships and cities of this State, shall prepare a suitable box for the reception of ballots cast for and against such amendments. Each person voting for said amendments shall have written or printed on his ballot, the words "Amendments as to Impartial Suffrage—Yes;" and each person voting against them, the words "Amendments as to Impartial Suffrage—No." The ballots in all respects shall be canvassed as the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor are required to be canvassed.

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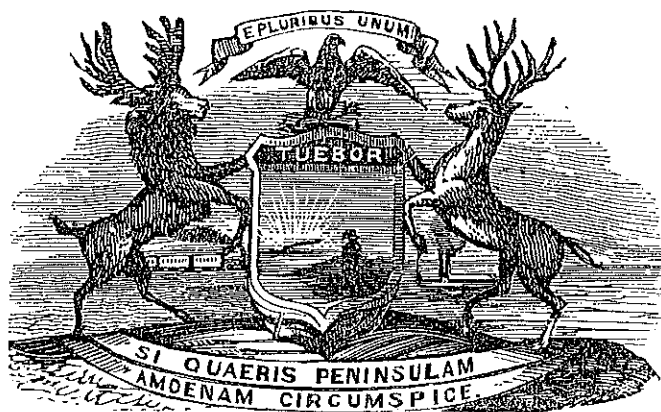
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JOINT RESOLUTION confirming the sale of certain primary school lands, and authorizing a patent to be issued for the same to L. Jud Macomber.

*Whereas*, It appears that on the twenty-second day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, certificate number five thousand five hundred and two was issued to George and Erastus Fisher, for primary school land, and that the whole amount of principal and interest, and of taxes, interest, and charges on said certificate, has been paid according to law;

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# AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Adopted by the Regular Session of the Legislature of Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-nine and the Special Session of Eighteen Hundred and Seventy, and Ratified by the People November Eighth, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy.

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