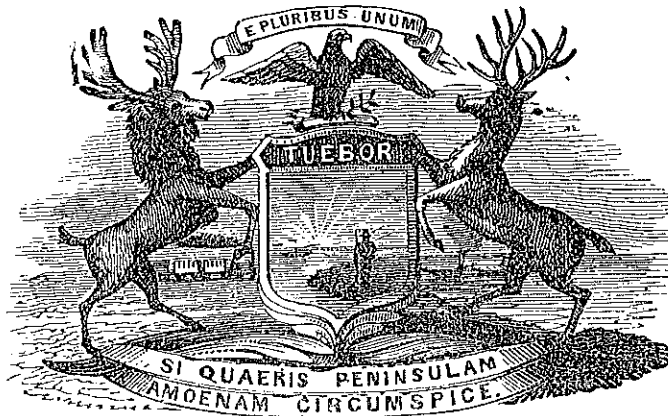


ACTS  
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OF THE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN, *as amended*  
PASSED AT THE  
EXTRA SESSION OF 1870.



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Sec. 4. This act shall take immediate effect.  
Approved August 10, 1870.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

[ No. 1. ]

JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Michigan, by adding thereto a new Article, to stand as Article 19-a, entitled "Of Railroads."

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State be and the same is hereby proposed, to stand as Article 19-a, of said Constitution, and be entitled "Of Railroads:"*

ARTICLE 19-A, RAILROADS.

SECTION 1. The Legislature may, from time to time, pass laws establishing reasonable maximum rates of charges for the transportation of passengers and freight on different railroads in this State, and shall prohibit running contracts between such railroad companies whereby discrimination is made in favor of either of such companies as against other companies owning connecting or intersecting lines of railroads.

Sec. 2. No railroad corporation shall consolidate its stock, property, or franchises, with any other railroad corporation owning a parallel or competing line; and in no case shall any consolidation take place except upon public notice given of at least sixty days to all stockholders, in such manner as shall be provided by law.

Sec. 3. The Legislature may provide by law for the payment by the counties, townships and municipalities of this State, of all bonds or other obligations heretofore issued or incurred in pursuance of acts of the Legislature, by such counties, townships, and municipalities severally, for and in aid of any railroad company. Such bonds or obligations shall be paid by the county, township, or municipality issuing or incurring the same; and in no event shall the State pay or become liable for any portion of such bonds or obligations. The Legislature shall submit to the electors of each of said several counties, townships, and municipalities, for their decision, the question of payment, together with the mode and manner of the same.

The aforesaid amendment shall be and is hereby submitted to the people of this State 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 required by law 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 amendment. Each person voting at said election shall have written or printed on his ballot, the words: "For all the propositions on this ticket which are not canceled with ink or pencil, and against all which are so canceled:"

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For Section 3, authorizing the payment of bonds or obliga-  
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The ballots shall in all respects be canvassed, and returns  
be made as in elections of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Approved August 10, 1870.

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS.

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[ No. 1. ]

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

*Resolved*, By the Senate, (the House concurring,) That three-  
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printed for the use of the special marshal appointed by the  
Government to collect the same.

Approved August 6, 1870.

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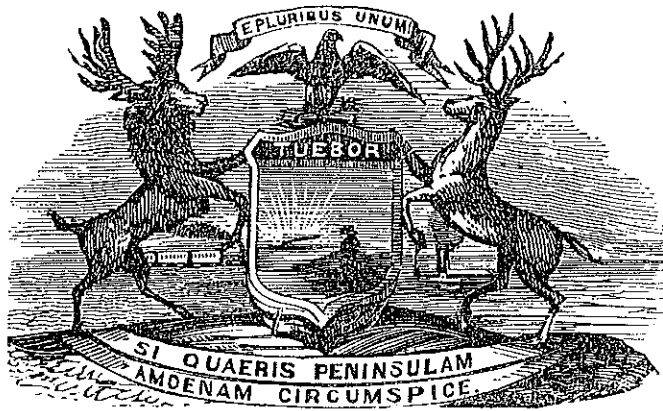
[ No. 2. ]

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.—

*Resolved*, (the House concurring,) That the Secretary of the  
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL ACTS  
OF THE  
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PASSED AT THE  
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20425 VOL. III.



BY AUTHORITY.

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# AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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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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## ARTICLE IV.

### LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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 apportion anew the representatives among the counties and districts, according to the number of inhabitants, exclusive of persons of Indian descent, who are not civilized, or are members of any tribe. Each apportionment, and the division into representative districts by any board of supervisors, shall remain unaltered until the return of another enumeration.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. In all elections, every male citizen, every male inhabitant residing in the State on the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five; every male inhabitant residing in the State on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, who has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, pursuant to the laws thereof, six months preceding an election, or who has resided in this State two years and six months, and declared his intention as aforesaid, and every civilized male inhabitant of Indian descent, a native of the United States, and not a member of any tribe, shall be an elector and entitled to vote; but no citizen or inhabitant shall be an elector, or entitled to vote at any election, unless he shall be above the age of twenty-one years, and has resided in this State three months, and in the township or ward in which he offers to vote, ten days next preceding such election: *Provided*, That in time of war, insur-

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