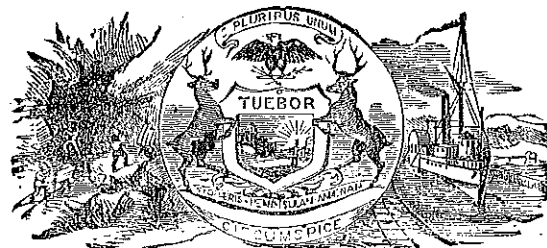


GENERAL ACTS
AND
JOINT AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS
OF
THE LEGISLATURE
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN,

PASSED AT THE
EXTRA SESSION OF 1874

WITH AN APPENDIX.



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JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 1.]

JOINT RESOLUTION asking Congress to aid in the improvement of the navigation of the Saginaw River.

WHEREAS, The commerce of the Saginaw River, which largely exceeds that of any other navigable stream within the limits of this State, and is constantly increasing, is and has been impeded and rendered difficult by the existence and formation of bars in said river;

AND WHEREAS, The people of Saginaw county have, by the issue of bonds, local taxation and private subscription, expended upwards of two hundred thousand dollars in removing such obstructions and improving such navigation, and kept the channel open without aid from the State or National treasury;

AND WHEREAS, By a report recently made to the Secretary of War by General Weitzel and other United States Engineers, appointed to examine said river, that the sum of fifty thousand dollars additional is necessary to protect and complete the work already accomplished, and such engineers have reported in favor of the general government completing such improvement, which has been endorsed by the War Department, and such report, and a bill appropriating said sum of fifty thousand dollars for prosecuting and preserving such improvement, is now before Congress; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the Congress of the United States be and they are hereby requested to make such appropriation as may be necessary for completing such improvement, and that our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to use all proper efforts to secure an appropriation for that purpose.

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved March 23, 1874.

[No. 2.]

JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section one of article seven of the Constitution, in relation to the qualifications of electors.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That at the election when the amended Constitution shall be submitted

to the electors of this State for adoption or rejection, there shall be submitted to such electors the following propositions, to be substituted in case of adoption, for so much of Section 1 of Article VII. as precedes the proviso therein, in the present Constitution of this State as it now stands, and substituted for Section 1, Article VII., in said amended Constitution, if the latter is adopted, to wit:

SECTION 1. In all elections, every person of the age of twenty-one years who shall have resided in this State three months, and in the township or ward in which he or she offers to vote ten days next preceding an election, belonging to either of the following classes, shall be an elector and entitled to vote:

First, Every citizen of the United States;

Second, Every inhabitant of this State who shall have resided in the United States two years and six months, and declared his or her intention to become a citizen of the United States, pursuant to the laws thereof, six months preceding an election;

Third, Every inhabitant residing in this State on the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five.

Said proposition shall be separately submitted to the electors of this State, for their adoption or rejection, in form following, to wit: A separate ballot may be given by every person having the right to vote, to be deposited in a separate box.

Upon the ballots given for said proposition shall be written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, the words "Woman suffrage,—Yes;" and upon the ballots given against the adoption thereof, in like manner, the words "Woman suffrage,—No."

If, at said election, a majority of the votes given upon said proposition shall contain the words "Woman Suffrage,—Yes," then said proposition shall be substituted for so much of Section 1 of Article VII. as precedes the proviso therein in the present Constitution of this State as it now stands, or substituted for Section 1 of Article VII. in said amended Constitution, if the latter is adopted.

Approved March 23, 1874.

[No. 3.]

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting the Senators and Representatives of the State of Michigan in Congress to use their best endeavors to secure relief from the General Government, to certain Homestead Settlers on railroad land, whose homestead certificates have been canceled by the United States of America, because of conflict with the land grant of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad Company.

WHEREAS, The following named persons, citizens of the United States of America and of the State of Michigan, to wit: Elias Langdon, Joseph S. Walling, Jared C. W. Taylor, Jacob Stadelbaus, Mark Linton, Wellington Bigger, Robert N. Byers, Charles Taylor, Isaiah Cunningham, David Stewart, Joseph Sheline, Eli Houghtaling, Francis W. Dodge, Alletta M. McClellan, Alonzo Chubb; obtained during the years eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, cer-