

PUBLIC ACTS



THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PASSED AT THE

REGULAR SESSION OF 1899

WITH AN APPENDIX CONTAINING JOINT AND CONCURRENT
RESOLUTIONS, AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, AND
THE STATE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1899

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ber of the Legislature or officers of this State shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any State contract. Be it further

Resolved, That the said amendment shall be submitted to the people at the next spring electing, being the first Monday in April, eighteen hundred ninety-nine, and the Secretary of State is hereby required to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties of this State, at the time prior to said election required by law, and said sheriffs are hereby required to give the several notices required by law. Each person voting for said amendment shall have written or printed on his ballot, as provided by law, the words: "Amendment of the Constitution relating to State Printing Office—YES." Each person voting against said amendment shall have on his ballot, in like manner: "Amendment of the Constitution relating to State Printing Office—NO." The ballots shall all be canvassed in all respects, and records made, as in general elections of State officers.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

[No. 5.]

JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section forty-nine, of article four, of the constitution of this State, relative to the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges and culverts by counties and townships.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That an amendment to section forty-nine, of article four, of the constitution of this State, be and the same is hereby proposed, to read as follows:

SEC. 49. The Legislature may provide for the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges and culverts by counties and townships, and may authorize counties to take charge and control of any highways within their limits for such purposes; and may modify, change or abolish the powers and duties of township commissioners and overseers of highways. But the tax raised in any one year shall not exceed two dollars upon each one thousand dollars valuation, according to the assessment roll of the county for the preceding year. The Legislature may also prescribe the powers and duties of boards of supervisors in relation to highways, bridges and culverts, and may provide for one or more county road commissioners, to be elected by the people, or appointed, with such powers and duties as may be prescribed by law.

No county shall incur any indebtedness for any purposes in excess of three per cent of the valuation, according to the last assessment roll, and no such indebtedness beyond one-half of one per cent of such valuation shall be incurred, unless authorized by a majority of the electors of said county voting thereon: *Provided*, That any county road system provided by law shall not go into operation in any county until the electors of said county, by a majority vote, have declared in favor of adopting the county road system.

Be it further resolved, That said amendment shall be submitted to the people of this State at the election to be held on the first Monday of April, eighteen hundred ninety-nine, and the Secretary of State is hereby required to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties in this State at least fifteen days prior to said election. And it shall be the duty of the several boards of election commissioners, in the several counties of this State, in preparing the ballots to be used at such election, to have printed thereon the words, "Amendment to the constitution relative to the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges and culverts by counties and townships," and below the same, upon the ballot, shall be placed, in separate lines, the words "Yes," and "No," and each elector shall designate his vote by a cross mark placed opposite the word "Yes," or the word "No." The manner of voting shall conform to the provisions of act number one hundred ninety of the public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-one, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and deception at elections in this State." The ballots shall in all respects be canvassed, and returns made, as in general elections of State officers; and

Be it further resolved, That all provisions of act number one hundred ninety, of the public acts of one thousand eight hundred ninety-one, so far as the same relate to the time required for the Secretary of State to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties, shall not be applicable to this joint resolution.

[No. 6.]

JOINT RESOLUTION to amend sections one, five, eight, ten, twelve, fourteen, fifteen, nineteen and twenty, of article six, of the constitution of this State, relative to the judicial department.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendments to the constitution of this State be and the same are hereby proposed—that is to say, that section one, article six, section five, article six, section eight, article six, section ten, article six, section twelve, article six, section fourteen, article six, section fifteen, article six, section nineteen, article six, and section twenty, article six, of said constitution, be amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The judicial power is vested in one supreme court, in one intermediate court, which intermediate court shall have such jurisdiction and powers as may be prescribed by the legislature, in circuit courts, in probate courts, and in justices of the peace. Municipal courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction may be established by the legislature in cities.

SEC. 5. The supreme court shall, by a general rule, establish, modify and amend the practice in such court, and in the intermediate, circuit and probate courts, and simplify the same. The legislature shall, as far as practicable, abolish distinctions between law and equity proceedings. The office of master in chancery is prohibited.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Legislature of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine and ratified and approved by the people at the April election of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

ARTICLE FOUR.

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ARTICLE SIX.

SEC. 6. The State shall be divided into Judicial Circuits, in each of which the electors thereof shall elect one circuit judge, who shall hold his office for a term of six years, and until his successor is elected and qualified. The Legislature may provide for the election of more than one circuit judge in the judicial circuit in which the city of Detroit is or may be situated, and in the judicial circuit in which the county of Saginaw is or may be situated, and in the judicial circuit in which the county