PUBLIC ACTS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PASSED AT THE

REGULAR SESSION OF 1907

CONTAINING JOINT AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS,

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, AND THE

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1907.



BY AUTHORITY

And be it further resolved, That the Governor shall appoint a commission consisting of as many members as he shall deem advisable to carry into effect the provisions of this resolution, and to represent the State of Michigan on the occasion of the launching of the said battle-ship "Michigan," and the Governor is hereby constituted a member of said commission. The said commission shall receive no compensation for their services except that they shall be paid all necessary and actual expenses as hereinafter provided;

And be it further resolved, That the said commission shall, immediately after its appointment, meet and organize by electing the necessary officers of said commission, consisting of president and secretary, and shall arrange to carry into effect the provisions of the joint resolution by purchasing and presenting to said United States battleship "Michigan" the suitable silver service provided for in this resolution; and

Be it further resolved, That expense of purchasing and placing said silver service on the said battleship "Michigan" within the sum hereby appropriated, including all necessary expenses for its delivery and presentation including the necessary flag, shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants of the Auditor General, upon presentation by the commission of itemized vouchers approved by the president and secretary of said commission: Provided, That such necessary expense as may be incurred by the commission for postage, stationery, travel and other expenses, incident to the duties of said commission, shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the Auditor General for vouchers of the commission through its president and secretary when audited by the Board of State Auditors: Provided, however, That no expense will be allowed the members of said commission for travel, except for one trip from the State of Michigan to the navy yards where said battleship is to be launched and on the occasion of such launching and presentation;

And be it further resolved, That immediately upon the fulfillment of their duties the said commission shall make a report to the Governor, giving a history of its work and statement of all expenditures: Provided, That in no event or account shall the State of Michigan or the commission created by this joint resolution be held responsible or be made liable for any sum in excess of the amount appropriated by the joint resolution.

This joint resolution is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 27, 1907.

[No. 34.]

JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section ten of article fourteen of the constitution, relative to the taxation of property by a State Board of Assessors, and providing for the submission of the same to the people of the State.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the following amendment to section ten of article fourteen of the constitution,

relative to the taxation of property by a State Board of Assessors, is

hereby proposed and submitted to the people of the State.

Sec. 10. The State may continue to collect all specific taxes accruing to the treasury under existing laws. The legislature may provide for the collection of specific taxes from corporations. The legislature may provide for the assessment of the property of corporations, and the property, by whomsoever owned, operated or conducted, engaged in the business of transporting passengers and freight, transporting property by express, operating any union station or depot, transmitting messages by telephone or telegraph, loaning cars, operating refrigerator cars, fast freight lines or other car lines, and running or operating cars in any manner upon railroads, or engaged in any other similar business, at its true cash value, by a State Board of Assessors, and for the levying and collection of taxes thereon. All taxes thereafter levied on the property of such classes of corporations as are paying specific taxes under laws in force on November six, nineteen hundred, shall be applied as provided for specific State taxes in section one of this article.

Be it further Resolved, That the foregoing amendment be submitted to the people of this State at the election to be held upon the first Monday of April in the year nineteen hundred eight. The Secretary of State is hereby required to certify the foregoing amendment to the clerks of the several counties of the State, as required by law. It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners of each county to prepare a ballot for the use of the electors in voting upon said amendment, which ballot shall be in substantially the following form:

At the top of each ballot shall be printed, in boldfaced type, the words:

"Vote on amendment to section ten, article fourteen of the constitution, relative to the taxation of property by a State Board of Assessors." Then shall follow:

"Amendment to section ten, article fourteen of the constitution, relative to the taxation of property by a State Board of Assessors, () Yes.

Amendment to section ten of article fourteen of the constitution, relative to the taxation of property by a State Board of Assessors, () No.

It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners of each county to deliver the ballots so prepared to the inspectors of election, at the several voting precincts within their respective counties, within the time ballots to be used at said election are required to be delivered, to such inspectors under the general election law. All votes cast upon said amendment shall be counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner as is provided by law for counting, canvassing and returning the vote for State officers.

This joint resolution is ordered to take immediate effect.