

PUBLIC ACTS
OF
THE LEGISLATURE
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

PASSED AT THE
EXTRA SESSIONS OF 1912



BY AUTHORITY

[No. 1.]

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section one of article three of the Constitution of this State, relative to the right of women to vote.

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Michigan (the House of Representatives concurring), That the following amendment to the Constitution of this State be and the same is hereby proposed, that is to say, that section one of article three of said Constitution, relative to the right of women to vote, be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. In all elections, every inhabitant of this State being a citizen of the United States; every inhabitant residing in this State on the twenty-fourth day of June, eighteen hundred thirty-five; every inhabitant residing in this State on the first day of January, eighteen hundred fifty; every male inhabitant of foreign birth who, having resided in the State two years and six months prior to the eighth day of November, eighteen hundred ninety-four, and having declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States two years and six months prior to said last named day; the wife of any inhabitant of foreign birth who, having resided in the State two years and six months prior to the eighth day of November, eighteen hundred ninety-four, and having declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States two years and six months prior to said last named day, and every civilized inhabitant of Indian descent and native of the United States and not a member of any tribe, shall be an elector and entitled to vote; but no one shall be an elector or entitled to vote at any election, unless he or she shall be above the age of twenty-one years and has resided in this State six months, and in the township or ward in which he or she offers to vote twenty days next preceding such election: Provided, That in time of war, insurrection or rebellion, no qualified elector in the actual military service of the United States or of this State, or in the army or navy thereof, shall be deprived of a vote by reason of absence from the township, ward or State in which such elector resides; and the Legislature shall provide by law the manner in which and the time and place at which such absent electors may vote and for the canvass and return of their votes.

Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment be submitted to the people of this State at the general election to be held in the month of November in the year nineteen hundred twelve. 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 for voting upon said amendment, which ballot shall be in substantially the following form:

"Vote on amendment to section one of article three of the Constitution, relative to the right of women to vote.

Amendment to section one of article three of the Constitution, relative to the right of women to vote, Yes ().

Amendment to section one of article three of the Constitution, relative to the right of women to vote, No ()."

It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners of each county to deliver the ballot 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.

[No. 2.]

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section twenty-one of article eight of the Constitution relative to the amendment of the charters of cities and villages.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the following amendment to section twenty-one of article eight of the Constitution relative to the amendment of the charters of cities and villages is hereby proposed and submitted to the people of the State.

SECTION 21. Under such general laws, the electors of each city and village shall have power and authority to frame, adopt and amend its charter and to amend an existing charter of the city or village heretofore granted or passed by the legislature for the government of the city or village and, through its regularly constituted authority, to pass all laws and ordinances relating to its municipal concerns, subject to the Constitution and general laws of this State; be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing amendment be submitted to the people of this State at the general election, to be held in the month of November, in the year nineteen hundred twelve. 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 for voting upon said amendment, which ballot shall be in substantially the following form:

"Vote on amendment to section twenty-one of article eight of the constitution relative to the amendment of the charters of cities and villages. It being proposed that said section twenty-one of article eight be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII.

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