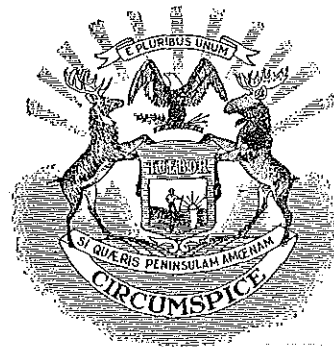


PUBLIC ACTS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

PASSED AT THE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 1917  
CONTAINING JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS  
TO THE CONSTITUTION

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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, after showing the amendment in full, shall be in substantially the following form:

"Vote on amendment to article eight of the constitution relative to permitting drainage districts to issue bonds:

Amendment to article eight of the constitution to permit drainage districts to issue bonds for drainage purposes. Yes. [ ]

Amendment to article eight of the constitution to permit drainage districts to issue bonds for drainage purposes. 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.

[No. 3.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to article ten of the constitution by adding a new section thereto to stand as section twenty of said article with reference to the right of the State to acquire, hold and dispose of certain property under prescribed conditions.

*Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That it is hereby proposed that article ten of the constitution of this State be amended by adding a new section thereto to stand as section twenty of said article with reference to the right of the State to acquire, hold and dispose of certain property under prescribed conditions, and that such proposed amendment be agreed to and submitted to the people of the State, said added section to read as follows:*

SEC. 20. It shall be competent for the State to acquire, purchase, take, hold and operate any railroad, or railroad property, belonging to any railroad or railway company in this State heretofore organized under a special charter still in force and effect and constituting a contract between the State and said company, wherein the right to purchase or acquire has been reserved to the State, whenever in the judgment of the Legislature such acquisition or purchasing is necessary to protect and conserve the rights and interests of the State under such charter or contract. Any and all debts or obligations of such company constituting a lien upon such railroad, or railroad property, may

be assumed by the State; and such road or property may be leased, sold or disposed of in such manner as may be provided by law.

*Be it further Resolved*, That said proposed amendment be submitted to the people of this State at the election to be held on the first Monday in April, nineteen hundred seventeen. The Secretary of State is hereby required to certify said 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 ballots for the use of the electors in voting upon said amendment, which ballots shall be in substantially the following form:

Vote on the question of amending article ten of the constitution of the State by adding thereto a new section to stand as section twenty of said article, with reference to the right of the State to acquire, hold and dispose of certain property under prescribed conditions, said added section to read as follows:

SEC. 20. It shall be competent by the State to acquire, purchase, take, hold and operate any railroad or railroad property, belonging to any railroad or railway company in this State heretofore organized under a special charter still in force and effect and constituting a contract between the State and said company, wherein the right to purchase or acquire has been reserved to the State, whenever in the judgment of the Legislature such acquisition or purchasing is necessary to protect and conserve the rights and interests of the State under such charter or contract. Any and all debts or obligations of such company constituting a lien upon such railroad, or railroad property, may be assumed by the State; and such road or property may be leased, sold or disposed of in such manner as may be provided by law.

Vote on question of amending article ten of the constitution of the State by adding thereto a new section to stand as section twenty of said article with reference to the right of the State to acquire certain property under prescribed conditions. Yes. [ ]

Vote on question of amending article ten of the constitution of the State by adding thereto a new section to stand as section twenty of said article with reference to the right of the State to acquire certain property under prescribed conditions. 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 in the several voting precincts within their respective counties at such time and in such manner as the general election law may prescribe. The votes cast upon the question of adopting said amendment shall be counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner as is provided by law for counting, canvassing and returning votes cast for State officers.

Amendment to the constitution with reference to the right of the State to acquire, hold and dispose of certain property under prescribed conditions, proposed by the Legislature of nineteen hundred seventeen, and ratified by the people at the April election of nineteen hundred seventeen.

#### ARTICLE X.

SEC. 20. It shall be competent for the State to acquire, purchase, take, hold and operate any railroad, or railroad property, belonging to any railroad or railway company in this State heretofore organized under a special charter still in force and effect and constituting a contract between the State and said company, wherein the right to purchase or acquire has been reserved to the State, whenever in the judgment of the Legislature such acquisition or purchasing is necessary to protect and conserve the rights and interests of the State under such charter or contract. Any and all debts or obligations of such company constituting a lien upon such railroad, or railroad property, may be assumed by the State; and such road or property may be leased, sold or disposed of in such manner as may be provided by law.

Amendment to the constitution with reference to the construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, proposed by the Legislature of nineteen hundred seventeen, and ratified by the people at the April election of nineteen hundred seventeen.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 26. The Legislature may by general law provide for the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges and culverts by the State and by the counties and townships thereof and by road districts; and may authorize counties or districts to take charge and control of any highway within their limits for such purposes. The Legislature may also by general law prescribe the powers and duties of boards of supervisors in relation to highways, bridges and culverts; may provide for county and district road commissioners to be appointed or elected, with such powers and duties as may be prescribed by law; and may change and abolish the powers and duties of township commissioners and overseers of highways. The Legislature may provide by law for submitting the question of adopting the county road system to the electors of the counties, and such road system shall not go into operation in any county until approved by a majority of the electors thereof voting thereon. The tax raised for road purposes by counties shall not exceed in any one year five dollars upon each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation for the preceding year.