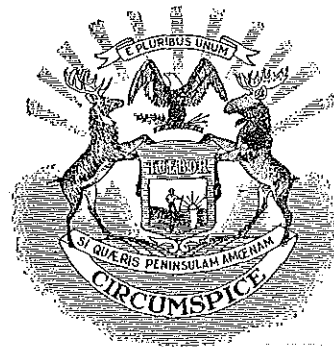


PUBLIC ACTS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

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

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## [No. 4.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section twenty-six of article eight of the constitution of the State of Michigan, with reference to the construction, improvement and maintenance of highways.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan,* That section twenty-six of article eight of the constitution of the State of Michigan, with reference to the construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, shall be amended to read as follows:

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.

*Resolved further,* That the foregoing amendment be submitted to the people of this State at the general election to be held on the first Monday of April, nineteen hundred seventeen. The Secretary of State is hereby required to certify said proposed amendment to the clerks of the several counties of the State in the manner and within the time 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 amendment to section twenty-six of article eight of the constitution, with reference to the construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, it being proposed that said section be amended to read as follows:

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 com-

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Amendment to section twenty-six of article eight of the constitution, with reference to the construction, improvement and maintenance of highways. Yes [ ]

Amendment to section twenty-six of article eight of the constitution, with reference to the construction, improvement and maintenance of highways. 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 of the various voting precincts within their respective counties within the time and in the manner provided by 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 votes cast for State officers.

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[No. 5.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section twenty-one of article six of the constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of State officers.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan,* That the following amendment to section twenty-one of article six of the constitution, relative to the salaries of State officers, is hereby proposed, agreed to and submitted to the people of this State:

SEC. 21. The Governor and Attorney General shall each receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars. The Secretary of State, State Treasurer and Auditor General shall each receive an annual salary of four thousand dollars. They shall receive no fees or perquisites whatever for the performance of any duties connected with the offices. It shall not be competent for the Legislature to increase the salaries herein provided.

*Resolved further,* That the foregoing amendment be submitted to the people of this State at the election to be held on the first Monday in April in the year nineteen hundred seventeen. 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. And it shall be the duty of all officials to take such steps as may be necessary to have

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.