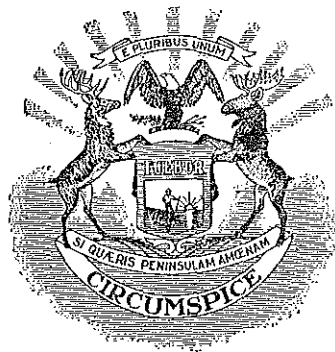


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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section one of article three of the constitution of Michigan relative to the right of women to vote.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendment to section one of article three of the constitution relative to the right of women to vote, is hereby proposed and submitted to the people of this State.

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, a native of the United States, shall be an elector and entitled to vote; but no one shall be an elector and 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 no qualified elector in the actual military service of the United States or of this State or in the army or navy thereof, or any student while in attendance at any institution of learning, or any regularly enrolled member of any citizens' military or naval training camp, held under the authority of the government of the United States or the State of Michigan, or any member of the Legislature while in attendance at any session of the Legislature, or commercial traveler, or any qualified elector employed upon or in the operation of railroad trains in this State, or any sailor engaged and employed on the great lakes or in coastwise trade, shall be deprived of a vote by reason of absence from the township, ward or State in which he or she 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: *Provided further*, That the Legislature shall have power to pass laws covering qualified electors who may be necessarily absent from other causes than above specified: *And provided further*, That there shall be no denial of the elective franchise at any election on account of sex.

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 eighteen. The Secretary of

State is hereby required to certify the foregoing amendment to the constitution 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 the following form:

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

Amend section one of article three of the constitution relative to right of women to vote. (Here insert said section one of article three of the constitution as proposed to be amended.)

Yes. []

No. []

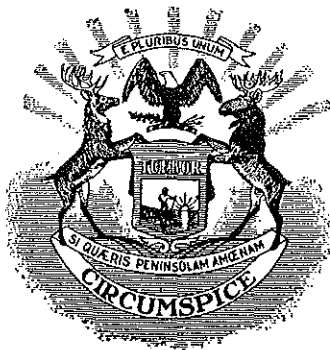
It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners of each county to deliver the ballots so prepared to the inspectors of election at the several voting precincts within their respective counties within the time ballots to be used at said election are required to be delivered to such inspectors 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 votes for State officers.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Amendment to the constitution relative to granting to women the right to vote at any and all elections in this State, proposed by the legislature of 1917, and ratified by the people at the November election of 1918.

ARTICLE III.

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