

PUBLIC ACTS
OF
THE LEGISLATURE
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
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CONTAINING JOINT RESOLUTIONS



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she shall be above the age of twenty-one years and has resided in this state six months, and in the city or township 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 person engaged in teaching in the public schools of this state, 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 said member's immediate family during such time, 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: And *provided further*, That the legislature may provide by law that the electors of a township may cast their ballots at a township polling place located within the limits of a city which has been incorporated from territory formerly a part of the township.

Yes ☐

No ☐."

[No. 4.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section nine of Article VI of the state constitution to prohibit the pardoning of persons convicted of first degree murder.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendment to section nine of Article VI of the state constitution prohibiting the pardoning of persons convicted of first degree murder, is hereby proposed and agreed to, that is to say that said section be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI.

Powers and duties of governor; reprieves and pardons. Sec. 9. He may grant reprieves, commutations and pardons after convictions for all offenses, except treason, first degree murder and cases of impeachment, upon such conditions and with such restrictions and limitations as he may think proper, subject to regulations provided by law relative to the manner of applying for pardons. Upon conviction for treason, he may suspend the execution of the sentence until the case shall be reported to the legislature at its next session, when the legislature shall either pardon or commute the sentence, direct the execution of the sentence or grant a further reprieve. He shall communicate to the legislature at each session information of each case of reprieve, commutation or pardon granted and the reasons therefor: *Provided, however*, That at any time upon the discovery of new evidence a person may move for a new trial in cases of conviction for first degree murder.

Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be submitted to the people of this state at the general November election in nineteen hundred

resided in this state or she offers to vote as a qualified elector in this state or in the territory at any institution or public schools of this state, or in the service of the military or naval forces of the United States, while in the service of the legislature while in the service of the member's immediate family, or any other qualified elector in this state, or any other person, shall be entitled to vote at any election, ward or state election, provide by law the same as absent electors may be provided further, That the qualified electors who are specified: And provide the franchise at any election the legislature may determine their ballots at a city which has been established.

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Sec. 9. He may be sentenced for all offenses, upon such attachment, upon such he may think proper, in the manner of applying and the execution of the sentence at its next session to commute the sentence, or to grant a reprieve. He shall determine each case of conviction therefor: *Provided*, that no person may be sentenced to death for first degree murder.

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thirty-two. The secretary of state is hereby required to certify said proposed amendment to the clerks of the various counties of the state in the manner provided by law. It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners of each county to prepare and furnish ballots for the use of electors in voting on said proposed amendment, which ballots shall be in substantially the following form:

"Vote on amendment to section nine of Article VI of the state constitution prohibiting the pardoning of persons convicted of first degree murder.

Shall section nine of Article VI of the state constitution be amended to prohibit the pardoning of persons convicted of first degree murder? If so amended, said section will read as follows:

(Here insert proposed amended section in full.)

Yes ☐
No ☐.

[No. 5.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section four of article three of the state constitution, with reference to the right to vote at bond elections.

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendment to section four of article three of the state constitution, is hereby proposed, agreed to and submitted to the people of this state:

ARTICLE III.

Elections as to direct expenditures or bond issues. Sec. 4. Whenever any question is submitted to a vote of the electors which involves the direct expenditure of public money or the issue of bonds, only such persons having the qualifications of electors who have property assessed for taxes in any part of the district or territory to be affected by the result of such election or the lawful husbands or wives of such persons shall be entitled to vote thereon.

Resolved further, That the foregoing proposed amendment be submitted to the people of this state at the general November election to be held in nineteen hundred thirty-two. The secretary of state is hereby required to certify said proposed amendment to the clerks of the various counties of the state in the manner 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 when voting on said proposed amendment, which ballots after setting forth the proposed amendment in full shall be in substantially the following form:

"Vote on amendment to section four of article three of the state constitution, with reference to the right to vote at bond elections.

Shall section four of article three of the state constitution be amended so as to provide that only property tax payers or their husbands and wives can vote at elections involving the expenditure of public money or the issuance of bonds?

Yes ☐
No ☐.