



[Minnesota Governor Proclamations.](#)

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[Dec. 20, 1890]

PROCLAMATION OF THE ADOPTION

OF AN

AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION

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S T A T E O F M I N N E S O T A

-: EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :-

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Minnesota, by an Act proposing an amendment to Section four (4) of Article one (1), of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, approved March 13th, 1889, did enact as follows:

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- SECTION I -

The following amendment to Section four (4) of Article one (1) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, is hereby proposed to the people of said State for their approval or rejection, that is to say: To add at the end of said Section the following paragraph: "And the Legislature may provide that the agreement of five-sixths (5/6) of any jury in any civil action or proceeding after not less than six hours deliberation shall be a sufficient verdict therein".

- SECTION II -

The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of said State for their approval or rejection at the next general election for the year A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety (1890), and each of the legal voters of said State may, at said election, vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified, and such votes and the result thereof declared in the manner provided by law for returning, certifying and canvassing votes at general elections for State officers and declaring the result thereof, and if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of the voters present and voting at said election upon said amendment "yes" or "no" have voted in favor of the same, then within ten (10) days after the result shall have been ascertained, the Governor shall make proclamation thereof, and said amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in full force as part of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

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AND WHEREAS, It appears from the official canvass of the votes cast for and against the aforesaid constitutional amendment, made in conformity with law, that a majority of the voters present and voting at said election upon said constitutional amendment

voted for its adoption:

NOW THEREFORE, I, William R. Merriam, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the power vested in me, and in compliance with the Act aforesaid, do hereby PUBLISH and PROCLAIM that the proposed AMENDMENT TO SECTION FOUR (4) OF ARTICLE ONE (1) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA has been ratified and adopted in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the State, and has become valid and a part of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota, at the Capitol, in the city of Saint Paul, this 20th day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

William R. Merriam

Governor of Minnesota.

Attest,

A. Hallson

Secretary of State.

1890

Proclamation adopting
amendments to the
State Constitution

Record "D" pgs 619+620

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*Governor's Proclamation of the adoption of an Amendment
to the
State Constitution.*

State of Minnesota,

Executive Department.

Whereas the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, by an act proposing an amendment to section thirty-three (33) of article four (4) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, prohibiting special legislation, approved April 15th, 1891, did enact as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to section thirty-three (33) of article four (4) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of said state for their approval or rejection, which said section when so approved shall read as follows:

SECTION 33. In all cases when a general law can be made applicable no special law shall be enacted; and whether a general law could have been made applicable in any case is hereby declared a judicial question, and as such shall be judicially determined without regard to any legislative assertion on that subject. The Legislature shall pass no local or special law regulating the affairs of, or incorporating, erecting or changing the lines of any county, city, village township, ward or school district, or creating the offices or prescribing the powers and duties of the officers of, or fixing or relating to the compensation, salary or fees of the same, or the mode of election or appointment thereto; authorizing the laying out, opening, altering vacating or maintaining roads, highways, streets or alleys; remitting fines, penalties or forfeitures; regulating the powers, duties and practice of justices of the peace, magistrates and constables; changing the names of persons, places, lakes or rivers; for opening and conducting of elections, or fixing or changing the places of voting; authorizing the adoption or legitimation of children changing the law of descent or succession; conferring rights upon

take effect and be in full force as a part of the constitution of the state of Minnesota.

And whereas it appears from the official canvass of the votes cast for and against the aforesaid constitutional amendment, and in conformity with law, that a majority of the voters present and voting at said election upon said constitutional amendment voted for its adoption:

Now therefore, I William R. Merriam, Governor of the state of Minnesota by virtue of the power vested in me, and in compliance with the act aforesaid, do hereby publish, and proclaim that the proposed amendment to section thirty-three (33) of article four (4) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, has been ratified and adopted in the manner prescribed by the constitution *and laws of the state of Minnesota and has become valid and a part of the constitution of this state.*

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great seal of the state of Minnesota, at the capitol in the city of Saint Paul this *twenty third* day of December, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety two.

William R. Merriam

Governor of Minnesota.

By the Governor:

J. P. Brown
Secretary of State.



Proclamation of
the adoption of
Constitutional
Amendment

Dec 23/92

Record "J" pgs 114-15-16

P R O C L A M A T I O N,

Of the Adoption of an Amendment to the State Constitution by adding a proviso authorizing the levy and collection of a tax on Inheritances, Devises, Bequests, Legacies and Gifts.

State of Minnesota,
Executive Department.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, by an Act proposing an amendment to section one (1) of Article nine (9) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, by adding a proviso authorizing the levy and collection of a tax on Inheritances, Devises, Bequests, Legacies and Gifts, approved April 17th, A. D. 1893, did enact as follows:-

"Section 1. The following amendment to section one of article nine of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of said state for their approval or rejection, that is to say, to add at the end of said section the following proviso: "And provided further, that there may be by law levied and collected a tax upon all inheritances, devises, bequests, legacies and gifts of every kind and description above a fixed and specified sum, of any and all natural persons and corporations. Such tax above such exempted sum may be uniform or it may be graded or progressive, but shall not exceed a maximum tax of five per cent."

"Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of said state for their approval or rejection at the next general election for the year ~~18~~ eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and each of the legal voters of said state may, at said election, vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified, and such votes and the result thereof declared in the manner provided by law for returning, certifying and canvassing votes at general elections for the state officers and declaring the result thereof

and if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of the voters present and voting at said election upon said amendment "yes" or "no" have voted in favor of the same, then within ten days after the result shall have been ascertained, the Governor shall make proclamation thereof, and said amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in full force as part of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota."

AND WHEREAS, it appears from the official canvass of the votes cast for and against the aforesaid constitutional amendment, made in conformity with law, that a majority of the voters present and voting at said election upon said constitutional amendment voted for its adoption,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Knute Nelson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the power vested in me and in compliance with the act aforesaid, do hereby publish and proclaim that the proposed amendment to section one (1) of Article nine (9) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, has been ratified and adopted in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Minnesota and has become valid and a part of the Constitution of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul this *thirty-first* day of *December* A.D. 189*4*...

Knute Nelson
.....
Governor.



Attest:

J. P. Brown
.....
Secretary of State.

Proclamation adopted
by amendment
to State Constitution
to

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PROCLAMATION OF THE ADOPTION
OF
AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

State of Minnesota,
Executive Department.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, by "An Act providing for an amendment to section four (4) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, defining the authority and duties of the Governor in relation to pardons for criminal offenses and creating a Board of Pardons," approved April 26th, A. D. 1895, did enact as follows:-

"Section 1. The following amendment to section four (4) of article five (5) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of said state for their approval or rejection, that is to say, by striking from said section the following words, viz.: "And he shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons after conviction for offenses against the state," and inserting in lieu thereof the following, that is to say: "And he shall have power in conjunction with the board of pardons, of which the Governor shall be ex-officio a member, and the other members of which shall consist of the attorney general of the state of Minnesota and the chief justice of the supreme court of the state of Minnesota, and whose powers and duties shall be defined and regulated by law, to grant reprieves and pardons after conviction for offenses against the state."

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of said state for their approval or rejection at the next general election for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six (1896); and each of the legal voters of said state may at said election vote by ballot for or against said amendment in the manner now provided for by law for

voting upon amendments to the constitution and the returns thereof made and certified and such votes and the result thereof declared in the manner provided by law for returning, certifying and canvassing votes at general elections, and if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of the voters present and voting at said election upon said amendment have voted in favor of the same, then within ten (10) days after the result shall have been ascertained according to law, the governor shall make proclamation thereof and said amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in full force as part of the constitution of the state of Minnesota."

AND WHEREAS, said Legislature, by "An Act proposing an amendment to section one (1) of article seven (7) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota which relates to the elective franchise," approved March 2nd, A. D. 1895, did enact as follows:-

"Section 1. The following amendment to a part of article seven (7) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of said state for their approval or rejection, that is to say, change section one (1) of article seven (7) of said constitution so that said section one (1) shall read as follows:

Section one (1). What persons are entitled to vote:

Every male person of the age of twenty-one (21) years or upwards belonging to either of the following classes, who has resided in this state six (6) months next preceding any election, shall be entitled to vote at such election in the election district of which he shall at the time have been for thirty (30) days a resident, for all officers that now are, or hereafter may be, elective by the people.

First--Citizens of the United States who have been such for the period of three (3) months next preceding any election.

Second--Persons of mixed white and Indian blood, who have adopted the customs and habits of civilization.

Third--Persons of Indian blood residing in this state, who have adopted the language, customs and habits of civilization, after an

examination before any district court of the state, in such a manner as may be provided by law, and shall have been pronounced by said court capable of enjoying the rights of citizenship within the state.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of said state for their approval or rejection at the next general election for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six (1896) and each of the legal voters of said state may, at said election, vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified, and such votes and the result thereof declared in the manner provided by law for returning, certifying and canvassing votes at general elections for the state officers and declaring the result thereof, and if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of the voters present and voting at said election upon said amendment, "Yes" or "No", have voted in favor of the same, then within ten (10) days after the result shall have been ascertained, the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and said amendment shall thereupon take effect, and be in full force as part of the constitution of the State of Minnesota."

AND WHEREAS, said Legislature, by "An Act proposing an amendment to article four (4) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota allowing cities already incorporated, and villages desiring to become incorporated as cities, to frame their own charters as cities," approved April 8th, A. D. 1895, did enact as follows:-

"Section 1. The following amendment to article four (4) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of said state for their approval or rejection, which amendment when so approved shall be known as section 36 of said article four (4) and shall read as follows:

Sec. 36. Any city or village in this state may frame a charter for its own government as a city consistent with and subject to the laws of this state as follows: The legislature shall provide, under such restrictions as it deems proper, for a board of fifteen freeholders,

who shall be and for the past five years shall have been qualified voters thereof, to be appointed by the district judges of the judicial district in which the city or village is situated, which board shall within six months after its appointment return to the chief magistrate of such city or village a draft of such charter signed by the members of said board, or a majority thereof. Such charter shall be submitted to the qualified voters of such city or village at the next election thereafter, and if four-sevenths of the qualified voters voting at such election shall ratify the same, it shall at the end of thirty days thereafter become the charter of such city or village as a city, and supercede any existing charter and amendments thereof; provided, that in cities having patrol limits now established such charter shall require a three-fourths majority vote of the qualified voters, voting at such election, to change the patrol limits now established.

Before any city shall incorporate under this act, the legislature shall prescribe by law the general limits ^{within} which such charter shall be framed. Duplicate certificates shall be made setting forth the charter proposed and its ratification, which shall be signed by the chief magistrate of said city or village, and authenticated by its corporate seal. One of said certificates shall be deposited in the office of the secretary of state, and the other, after being recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county in which such city or village lies, shall be deposited among the archives of such city or village, and all courts shall take judicial notice thereof. Such charter so deposited may be amended by a proposal therefor made by a board of fifteen freeholders aforesaid, published for at least thirty days in three newspapers of general circulation in such city or village, and accepted by three-fifths of the qualified voters of such city or village voting at the next election, and not otherwise; but such charter shall always be in harmony with and subject to the constitution and laws of the state of Minnesota. The legislature may prescribe the duties of the

commission relative to submitting amendments of charter to the vote of the people.

"The board of freeholders above provided for shall be permanent and all the vacancies by death, disability to perform duties, resignation or removal from the corporate limits shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as the original board was created, and said board shall always contain its full complement of members.

"It shall be a feature of all such charters that there shall be provided, among other things, for a mayor or chief magistrate, and a legislative body of either one or two houses; if of two houses at least one of them shall be elected by general vote of the citizens.

"In submitting any such charter or amendment thereto to the qualified voters of such city or village any alternate section or article may be presented for the choice of the voters, and may be voted on separately without prejudice to other articles or sections of the charter or any amendment thereto.

"The legislature may provide general laws relating to affairs of cities, the application of which may be limited to cities of over fifty thousand inhabitants, or to cities of fifty and not less than fifteen thousand inhabitants, or to cities of fifteen thousand inhabitants or less, which shall apply equally to all such cities of either class, and which shall be paramount while in force to the provisions relating to the same matter included in the local charter herein provided for. But no local charter, provision or ordinance passed thereunder shall supercede any general law of the state defining or punishing crimes or misdemeanors."

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of this state for their approval or rejection at the next general election held therein, and each of the legal voters at said election may vote by ballot for or against said proposed amendment, and the returns thereof shall be certified and such votes canvassed and the result thereof declared in the manner provided by law for the returning,

certifying and canvassing votes at the general election for the state officers and declaring the result thereof; and if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of the voters present and voting at said election upon said amendment have voted in favor of the same, then, immediately after the result shall have been ascertained, the governor shall make proclamation thereof and said amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in full force as a part of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota."

AND WHEREAS, said Legislature, by "An Act proposing an amendment to section thirteen (13), article one (1) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, relating to taking private property for public use," approved March 23rd, A. D. 1895, did enact as follows:

"Section 1. The following amendment to section thirteen (13), article one (1), of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of the state for their approval or rejection, that is to say, said section shall be amended to read as follows: Private property shall not be taken, destroyed or damaged for public use, without just compensation therefor first paid or secured.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state for their approval or rejection at the next general election for the year 1896, and each of the legal voters of the state may at said election vote by ballot for or against said amendment and the returns thereof shall be made and certified to, the votes and returns thereof declared in the manner provided by law, for returning, certifying and canvassing votes at general elections and declaring the results thereof. And if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of the voters present and voting at said election upon said amendment "Yes" or "No" have voted in favor of the same, then within ten days after the returns shall have been ascertained, the governor shall make proclamation thereof and said amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in full force as part of the constitution of the state of Minnesota."

AND WHEREAS, said Legislature, by "An Act to amend article eight (8) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, relating to school funds, education and science," approved April 11th, A. D. 1895, did enact as follows:

"Section 1. The following amendment of article eight (8) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people for approval or rejection, that is to say, that said article eight (8) be amended by adding thereto the following section, viz.:

Sec. 6. The permanent school and university fund of this state may be invested in the purchase of bonds of any county, school district, city, town or village of this state, but no such investment shall be made until approved by the board of commissioners designated by law to regulate the investment of the permanent school fund and the permanent university fund of this state; nor shall such loan or investment be made when the issue of which the same in part would make the entire bonded indebtedness exceed seven percent of the assessed valuation of the taxable real property of the county, school district, city, town or village issuing such bonds; nor shall such loans or indebtedness be made at a lower rate of interest than three per cent per annum nor for a shorter period than five (5) years nor for a longer period than twenty (20) years, and no change of the town, school district, village, city or county lines shall relieve the real property in such town, school district, county, village or city in this state at the time of issuing of such bonds from any liability for taxation to pay such bonds.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of this state for their approval or rejection at general election occurring next after the passage of this act, and the qualified electors of the state in their respective districts may at such election vote for or against said amendment by ballot; and the returns thereof shall be made and certified within the time, and such votes canvassed and the

result thereof declared in the manner provided by law with reference to the election of state officers, and if it shall appear thereupon that a majority of the electors present and voting for or against the proposed amendment to the constitution, as provided in the next section, have voted in favor of the same, then the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendment shall take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution."

AND WHEREAS, said Legislature, by "An Act proposing an amendment to the constitution of the state of Minnesota, to authorize the taxation of the property of sleeping, drawing room and parlor car, and other companies and owners, in the manner therein provided," approved April 26th, A. D. 1895, did enact as follows:-

"Section 1. The following amendment to the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of said state for approval or rejection, that is to say, to add at the end of article 9 thereof an additional section, to be appropriately numbered, and to be as follows:

"The legislature may impose, or provide for the imposition of, upon the property within this state of any and all owners or operators, whether corporate or individual, or otherwise, of any and all sleeping, parlor and drawing room cars, or any or either of the same, which run in, into or through this state; also upon the property within this state of any and all telegraph and telephone companies, or owners, whose lines are in, or extend in, into or through this state; also upon the property within this state of all express companies, or owners, or any or either of the same doing business in this state; also upon the property within this state of all domestic insurance companies of this state of any kind; also upon the property within this state of any and all foreign insurance companies doing business in this state of any kind; also upon the property within this state of all owners or operators of

any and all mines or of mineral ores situated in this state; also upon the property within this state of all boom companies or owners, and of all ship builders or owners doing business in this state or having a port therein; provided, that this act shall not apply to property owned by railroad companies, their lands and other property; and upon the property of either or any of such companies or owners a tax, as uniform as reasonably may be with the taxes imposed upon similar property in said state, or upon the earnings thereof within this state, but may be graded or progressive, or both, and in providing for such tax, or in providing for ascertaining the just and true value of such property, it shall be competent for the legislature, in either or all of such cases, to impose such tax, upon any or all property thereof within this state, and in either case by taking as the basis of such imposition the proportionate business, earnings, mileage or quantity of production or property now or hereafter existing of any such companies, persons or owners, transacted or existing in this state, in relation to the entire business, mileage or quantity of production or property of such companies, persons or owners as aforesaid; or in such other manner, or by such other method, as the legislature may determine; but the proceeds of such taxes upon mining property shall be distributed between the state and the various political subdivisions thereof wherein the same is situated in the same proportion as the proceeds of taxes upon real property are distributed; provided further, that nothing in this act contained shall operate to authorize the assessment or taxation of land or ordinary business blocks of property owned by any such corporation, person, firm or company except in the manner provided by the ordinary methods of taxation."

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of said state, for their approval or rejection, at the next general election for the year 1896. Each of the legal voters of said state may, at said election, vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and such election shall be conducted and the returns thereof made,

certified and canvassed, and the result thereof proclaimed, in the manner provided by law, save that it shall be sufficient to state upon the ballots prepared therefor, as follows;

"Constitutional amendment providing for the taxation of sleeping car and other companies, and owners." etc., "Yes, No," but this shall not preclude the adoption of said amendment in any manner whatsoever. If it shall appear from such canvass and proclamation that a majority of the voters voting at said election upon said amendment "Yes" or "No" have voted in favor of the same, said amendment shall, upon such proclamation, take effect and be in full force as part of the constitution of the state of Minnesota."

AND WHEREAS, it appears from the official canvass of the votes cast for and against each of the aforesaid constitutional amendments, made in conformity with law, that a majority of the voters present and voting at said election upon each of said several amendments, voted for their adoption,

NOW THEREFORE, I, D. M. Clough, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the power vested in me and in compliance with the aforesaid acts of the Legislature of this State, do hereby publish and proclaim that the proposed amendment to section four (4) of article five (5), and the proposed amendment to section one (1) of article seven (7), and the proposed amendment to article four (4), and the proposed amendment to section thirteen (13) of article one (1), and the proposed amendment to article eight (8), and the proposed amendment to authorize the taxation of all the property of sleeping, drawing room and parlor car, and other companies and owners in the manner therein provided, of the constitution of the state of Minnesota have been ratified and adopted, each and all, in the manner prescribed by the

constitution and laws of this state, and have become valid and parts of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be hereto affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of Saint Paul, this *twenty ninth* day of December,

A. D. 1896.

Handwritten notes and signatures in the right margin, including a large signature that appears to be 'W. W. Clayton' and several vertical lines of text.

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Governor.

Attest:

Albert Berg
.....
Secretary of State.

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Proclamation of the

adaption of Consti-
tutional Amend-
ments

GOVERNOR

Issued Dec 29th 1896

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A. D. 1896

of December
of the City of Saint Paul,
having caused to be hereto affixed,
my hand and caused the Great Seal of the
STATE OF MINNESOTA, I HAVE HERETO SET

Secretary of State

Attest:



St. Paul, Dec. 28th, 1898.

To Hon. D. M. Clough,

Governor, State of Minnesota.

I, Albert Berg, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that, pursuant to law, the State canvassing Board met on December 20th, 1898, duly organized as such Canvassing Board, and canvassed the returns of the General Election of 1898. That said State Canvassing Board canvassed the vote cast for and against the following Constitutional Amendments. The vote set opposite each amendment herewith follows:

article 7 of

Amendment to Section 8 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota which relates to the elective franchise of women as to schools or libraries - - -

	Yes received	- - - - -	71,704 votes
	No received	- - - - -	43,660 votes

331

Amendment to Section 1 of article fourteen of the constitution, providing that when a majority of both houses of the legislature deem it necessary to amend the state constitution, they may propose such amendment to be submitted to people at any general election. Ratification of such proposed amendment will require majority of all electors voting at such election. -

	Yes received	- - - - -	69,760 votes
	No received	- - - - -	32,881 votes

345

Amendment to section 36 of article four of the constitution, allowing cities and villages in this state to frame their own city charters, and classifying cities. -

	Yes received	- - - - -	68,754 votes
	No received	- - - - -	32,068 votes

507

Amendment to article 9 of the constitution to be known as section 16, creating a state road and bridge fund from investments in the internal improvement land fund, and authorizing the legislature to levy an annual tax not exceeding in any one year one-twentieth of 1 mill on all taxable property. Also creating a state highway commission of three members, having general supervision of construction of state roads and bridges and distribution of funds. -

	Yes received	- - - - -	70,043 votes
	No received	- - - - -	38,017 votes

600

I further certify that said State Canvassing Board did, on the 23rd day of December, duly return and certify that each and all of the above quoted amendments having received a majority vote, Yes, were duly declared carried, as will appear from the official returns made and certified to by said State Canvassing Board and now on file in my office.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of Minnesota at the Capitol in St. Paul, this twenty-eighth day of December, A. D. 1898.



Alvan Berg
Secretary of State.

*with the certificate
of the Canvassing Board
and the
return of the
Board of
the 23rd day of
December 1898
I do hereby certify*

Certificate of the
State Canvassing Board

on vote for

Constitutional Amendments

Filed Dec. 18th 1898.

Record "J" pgs 636-7

[Dec. 27, 1906]



On this 27th day of December, 1906, Governor John A. Johnson
duly issued and caused to be filed in the Executive Department of the
State of Minnesota, proclamation as follows:

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

PROCLAMATION OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Whereas, the legislature of the State of Minnesota by an act
entitled, "An act proposing an amendment to article nine (9) of the con-
stitution of the state of Minnesota relating to taxation." Approved
April 13, 1905, did enact as follows:

"The following amendment to article nine (9) of the Constitution
of the State of Minnesota, to take the place of sections one, two, three,
four and the amendment added to the end of said article adopted in 1896,
relating to taxation, is hereby proposed to the people of the State of
Minnesota for their approval or rejection, which amendment when adopted
shall be known as section one of said article nine, that is to say:

Section 1. The power of taxation shall never be surrendered,
suspended or contracted away. Taxes shall be uniform upon the same class
of subjects, and shall be levied and collected for public purposes, but
public burying grounds, public school houses, public hospitals, academies,
colleges, universities, and all seminaries of learning, all churches,
church property, all houses of worship, institutions of purely public charity,
and public property used exclusively for any public purpose, shall be
exempt from taxation, and there may be exempted from taxation personal
property not exceeding in value \$200, for each household, individual or
head of a family, as the legislature may determine: PROVIDED, that the
legislature may authorize municipal corporations to levy and collect
assessments for local improvements upon property benefited thereby without
regard to a cash valuation, and, provided further, that nothing herein
contained shall be construed to affect, modify or repeal any existing law
providing for the taxation of the gross earnings of railroads.

Sec. 2. Such proposed amendment shall be submitted to the
people, for their approval or rejection, at the general election for
the year one thousand nine hundred and six, and the qualified electors
of the state, in their respective districts may, at such elections,
vote for or against such proposed amendment by ballot, and the returns
thereof shall be made and certified within the time, such votes can-
vassed, and the result thereof declared in the manner provided by law with
reference to the election of state officers, and if it shall appear
thereupon that a majority of all the electors voting at such election
shall have voted for and ratified said amendment, as provided in the
next section hereof, then the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and
such amendment so ratified shall take effect and be in force as a part of
the Constitution.

Sec. 3. The ballots used at said election, on said proposed
amendment, shall have printed thereon: "Amendment of article nine of
the Constitution, relating to taxation, to take the place of sections
one, two, three, four and the amendment added at the end of said article
adopted in 1896. Yes_____. No_____." Each elector voting upon
such proposed amendment shall place a cross mark, thus, "X" in a space

left on the ballot opposite the words "Yes" and "No," according as he may wish to vote for or against said amendment, and his vote shall be counted in accordance with the expressed will of such electors as provided by the election laws of this state," and

Whereas, said legislature by an act entitled, "An act entitled an act proposing an amendment to article one (1) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, providing that any person may sell or peddle the produce of the farm or garden occupied and cultivated by him without obtaining a license therefor." Approved April 19, 1905, did enact as follows:

"Section 1. The following amendment to article one (1) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the legal voters of said state for their approval or rejection, which amendment when so approved shall be known as section eighteen (18) of said article one (1) and shall read as follows:

Section 18. Any person may sell or peddle the products of the farms or garden occupied and cultivated by him without obtaining a license therefor.

Section 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of said state for their approval or rejection at the next general election for the year 1906, as is now provided by law for submission of amendments of the constitution of ~~sa~~ this state, and each of the legal voters of said state may at said election vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of the voters voting at said election upon said amendment, "Yes" or "No," have voted in favor of the same, then within ten days after the result shall have been ascertained the governor shall make proclamation thereof and said amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in full force as part of the constitution of the state of Minnesota," and

Whereas, it appears from the official canvass of the votes cast at the general election held in the state of Minnesota, on the sixth day of November, 1906, for and against each of the aforesaid constitutional amendments, made in conformity with law, that a majority of all of the electors voting at said election as to each of the said amendments, respectively, voted for the adoption thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Johnson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the power vested in me, and in compliance with law, do hereby publish that the proposed amendment to article nine (9), and the proposed amendment to article one (1) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota has each been ratified and adopted in the manner prescribed by the constitution and law of this state, and that each thereof is from and after the date hereof a part of such constitution.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed, at the Capitol in the
City of St. Paul, this 27th day of December, A.D. 1906.


Governor.

Attest: _____
Secretary of State.



STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JULIUS A. SCHMAHL,
SECRETARY OF STATE

ST. PAUL. December 2, 1912.

Hon. Adolph O. Eberhart,
Governor.

My Dear Sir:

Accompanying herewith you will find the report of the State Canvassing Board of the General Election of November 5th 1912, and on page six of the report you will find the declaration of the said board to the effect that amendment to section sixteen of article nine of the Constitution was declared carried, and also that the proposition for increasing the gross earnings tax of railroads from four per cent to five per cent was ~~also~~ declared ratified.

The law requires a proclamation by you to the effect that an amendment to the Constitution has been carried immediately after the canvassing board so declared. There can be no doubt but what you should issue your proclamation as to the first item mentioned, and it is my impression that Governor Johnson issued a proclamation several years ago when the tax on gross earnings was increased from three per cent to four per cent. To be on the safe side it will probably be well that your proclamation is issued.

Please have extra copies made so that I can give them publication.

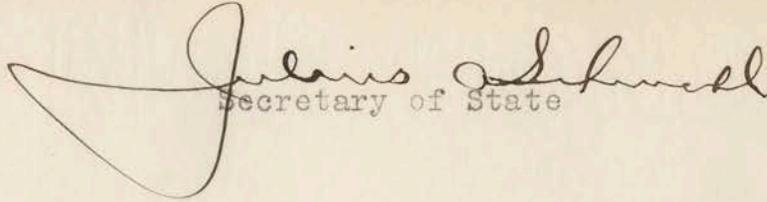
I also beg to inform you that on the returns to the state canvassing board the proposition to create a new county out of a portion of Polk county failed of adoption, the vote in favor of the new county being 1725, while the vote in

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opposition was 3264.

I also have to inform you that on the proposition to create the new county of Clover out of a portion of Cass county the same failed to carry, the vote in favor being 668, and the vote against being 994.

Yours truly,


Secretary of State