CHAPTER CVII.

An Act proposing an amendment of section seven of article one, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

March 6, 1868.

Sec. 1. Amendment to Section 7, Article 1, Constitution of Minnesota. Criminal prosecutions—rights of accused.

2. Amendment to be submitted to voters.

3. Ballots, how prepared.

4. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. That the following amendment of section seven, of article one, of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, be proposed to the people of the said state, that is to say, that the said section be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 7. No person for the same offense shall be put twice in jeopardy of punishment, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process.
of law. All persons shall, before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties except for capital offenses where the proof is evident or the presumption great; and the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the said state for their approval or rejection, at the next general election for the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight; and each of the legal voters of the said state may, in their respective districts, at said election, vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified, and such votes canvassed 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 voters present and voting at such election have voted in favor of the said amendment, then within three days after that result should have been ascertained and declared, the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in force as a part of said constitution.

Sec. 3. The ballots used at said election by those voting in favor of said amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following words, "against the grand jury;" and the ballots used at said election by those voting against the said amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following words, "for the grand jury."

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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