

sum so appropriated, and are hereby declared to be unlawful and void, and shall be deemed a malfeasance on the part of said board, for which the members thereof can be removed from office by the governor.

Act takes effect.

SEC. 13. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 7, 1873.

### CHAPTER III.

#### AN ACT PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES FOUR AND FIVE OF THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR BIENNIAL SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

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

Amends sec. 1,  
Art. IV.

SECTION 1. The following amendments to the constitution are hereby proposed for publication and approval or rejection, by the people, in accordance with section one of article fourteen of the constitution, that is to say, first, that section one of article four of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows :

Biennial sessions  
of seventy days.

Section 1. The legislature of the state shall consist of a senate and house of representatives, who shall meet biennially at the seat of government of the state, at such time as shall be prescribed by law, but no session shall exceed the term of seventy days.

Amends sec. 24,  
Art. IV.

SEC. 2. That the following amendment to section twenty-four of article four of the constitution be proposed, that is to say, that said section twenty-four of said article four of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows :

Concerning leg-  
islative districts  
and term of office

Sec. 24. The senators shall be chosen by single districts of convenient contiguous territory at the same time that members of the house of representatives are required to be chosen and in the same manner, and no representative district shall be divided in the formation of a senate district. The senate districts shall be numbered in a regular series, the term of office of senators and representatives shall be the same as now prescribed by law

until the general election in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, at which time there shall be an entire new election of all the senators and representatives; representatives chosen at such election, or at any election thereafter, shall hold their office for the term of two years, except it be to fill a vacancy, and the senators chosen at such election by districts designated by odd numbers, shall go out of office at the expiration of the second year, and senators chosen by districts designated by even numbers shall go out of office at the expiration of the fourth year, and thereafter senators shall be chosen for four years, except there shall be an entire new election of all the senators, at the election of representatives next succeeding each new apportionment provided for in this article.

SEC. 3. That the following amendment to section two of article five of the constitution, be proposed, that is to say, that said section two of article five of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

Amends sec. 2,  
Art. V.

Sec. 2. The returns of every election for the officers named in the foregoing section, shall be made to the secretary of state, who shall call to his assistance two or more of the judges of the supreme court, and two disinterested judges of the district courts of the state, who shall constitute a board of canvassers, who shall open and canvass said returns and declare the result within three days after such canvass.

Making and can-  
vassing returns.

SEC. 4. These proposed amendments shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the general election for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and each of the legal voters of the state, in their respective districts, may at such election vote by ballot for or against such amendments, 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 elections upon such amendments or amendment, shall have voted in favor of the same, or either of them, then within three days after that result shall have been ascertained and declared, the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendments or amendment as shall have received a majority of the votes aforesaid, shall thereupon take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution.

Amendments sub-  
mitted at general  
election.

Votes how can-  
vassed.

Form of vote on  
sec. 1.

SEC. 5. The voters voting in favor of such amendment to section one of article four at said election, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed upon their ballots at said election, the following words: Amendment to section one of article four of the constitution, providing for biennial sessions of the legislature, yes; and the ballots used at said election by those voting against such amendment to section one of article four of the constitution, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed upon their ballots, the following words: Amendment to section one of article four of the constitution, providing for biennial sessions of the legislature, no.

Form of vote on  
sec. 24.

SEC. 6. The voters voting in favor of such amendment to section twenty-four of article four at said election, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed upon their ballots at said election, the following words: Amendment to section twenty-four, article four of the constitution, preparatory for biennial sessions of the legislature, yes; and the ballots used at said election by those voting against such amendment to section twenty-four, article four of the constitution, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed upon their ballots, the following words: Amendment to section twenty-four, article four of the constitution, preparatory for biennial sessions of the legislature, no.

Form of vote on  
sec. 2.

SEC. 7. The voters voting in favor of such amendment to section two of article five at said election, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, upon their ballots at said election, the following words: Amendment to section two of article five of the constitution, preparatory for biennial sessions of the legislature, yes; and the ballots used at said election by those voting against such amendment to section two of article five, shall have written or printed, or partly written and printed upon their ballots, the following words: Amendment to section two of article five of the constitution, preparatory for biennial sessions of the legislature, no.

Act takes effect.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1873.