

CHAPTER IV.

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION TWELVE
OF ARTICLE NINE OF THE CONSTITUTION.*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. The following amendment to the constitution is 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, that section twelve of article nine of the constitution, be amended so as to read as follows :

Amends sec. 12,
Art. IX.

Sec. 12. Suitable laws shall be passed by the legislature for the safe-keeping, transfer and disbursement of the state and school funds, and all officers and other persons charged with the same or any part of the same, or the safe-keeping thereof, shall be required to give ample security for all moneys and funds of any kind received by them, to make forthwith and keep an accurate entry of each sum received and of each payment and transfer ; and if any of said officers or other persons shall convert to his own use in any manner or form, or shall loan with or without interest, or shall deposit in his own name or otherwise than in the name of the state of Minnesota, or shall deposit in banks or with any person or persons, or exchange for [other] funds or property, any portion of the funds of the state or of the school funds aforesaid, except in the manner prescribed by law, every such act shall be and constitute an embezzlement of so much of the aforesaid state and school funds, or either of the same as shall be thus taken, or loaned, or deposited, or exchanged, and shall be a felony ; and any failure to pay over or produce, or account for, the state or school funds, or any part of the same entrusted to such officer or person as by law required on demand, shall be held and taken to be prima facie evidence of such embezzlement.

Concerning the
safe keeping of
the public funds.

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state, for their approval or rejection, at the next general election, occurring after this act shall

Amendment sub-
mitted at general
election.

take effect. And each of the legal voters of the state in their respective districts, may at such election vote by ballot for or against such amendment, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified, and such votes canvassed, and the result thereof declared in 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 upon such amendment shall have ratified such amendment, then within ten days after that result shall 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 the constitution.

Votes how canvassed.

Form of vote to be used.

SEC. 3. The voters voting in favor of such amendment 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 twelve, of article nine, of the constitution, yes." And the ballots used at said election by those voting against such amendment shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon the following words: "Amendment to section twelve, of article nine, of the constitution, no."

Act takes effect.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval.

Approved March 8, 1873.

CHAPTER V.

AN ACT RELATING TO ROADS, CARTWAYS AND BRIDGES.

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

Town supervisors have the care of roads and bridges — their duties.

SECTION 1. The supervisors in the several towns in this state shall have the care and superintendence of roads and bridges therein, shall give directions for the repairing of the roads and bridges in their respective towns, regu-