AN ACT PROPOSING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION, TO BE TERMED SECTION NINE (9) OF ARTICLE SEVEN (7) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, RELATING TO ELECTORAL FRANCHISE.

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

SECTION 1. The following amendment to article seven (7) of the constitution of the State of Minnesota, which amendment shall be termed section nine (9) of said article, is hereby proposed to the people of said State, for their approval or rejection; which said section shall read as follows:

Sec. 9. Any woman of the age of twenty-one (21) years and upwards, belonging to either of the classes mentioned in section one (1) of this article, who shall have resided in the United States one (1) year and in this State for four (4) months next preceding any election at which the question of selling, or restraining the sale, or licensing the selling, or of the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, shall be voted upon in the election district in which she then resides, shall be entitled to vote at such election on all or any of such questions in such election districts, and all laws for the registration of male voters shall apply in all respects to women voting under this section, and also to those voting under section eight (8) of this article.

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 A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877), 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 canvassed, and the results thereof declared in the manner provided by law for the returning, certifying and canvassing votes at general elections for State officers and declaring the results thereof; and if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of the voters present and voting at such election upon said amendment, have voted in favor of the same, then immediately after that result shall have been ascertained, the Governor shall make proclamation thereof, and said amendment shall thenceforth 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, or partly written and partly printed thereon, "Amendment
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to article seven of the constitution—Yes.” And the ballots used by those voting against said amendment, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon, “Amendment to article seven of the constitution—No.” And such ballots may be attached to and be a part of the general ticket voted at said election.

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

Approved March 2, 1877.

CHAPTER 3.

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION THREE (3) OF ARTICLE EIGHT (8) OF THE CONSTITUTION, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

Section 1. The following amendment to the constitution of this State is hereby proposed for publication, and for approval or rejection by the people, in accordance with the provisions of section one (1) of article fourteen (14) of the constitution of the State; that is to say, that section three (3) of article eight (8) of the constitution, be amended by adding at the end thereof the following provisions: “But in no case shall the moneys derived as aforesaid, or any portion thereof, or any public moneys or property, be appropriated or used for the support of schools wherein the distinctive doctrines, creed or tenets of any particular Christian or other religious sect are promulgated or taught.”

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection, at the next general election occurring after this act shall take effect, and each of the legal voters in the State, in their respective districts, may at such election vote by ballot for or against such amendment, and returns thereof shall be made and certified [to,] and such votes canvassed, and the result thereof declared in manner provided by law for returning, certifying and canvassing votes at general election 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 shall have ratified such amendment, then, within ten days after that result shall have been declared, the Governor shall make