

# GENERAL LAWS

OF

## MINNESOTA,

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE, COMMENCING JANUARY SECOND, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE, AND TERMINATING MARCH SECOND, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE (1883.)

### CHAPTER 1.

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION FIVE (5) OF ARTICLE FIVE (V) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

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

SECTION 1. That the following amendment of section five (5) of article five (V) of the constitution of this state shall be proposed to the people of said state, that is to say that said section five (5) be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 5. The official term of the secretary of state, treasurer, and attorney general, shall be two (2) years. The official term of the state auditor shall be four (4) years, and each shall continue in office until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. The further duties and the salaries of said executive officers shall each be prescribed by law.

The official term of officers.

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state for their approval or rejection at the general election occurring after the passage of this act, and the qualified electors of the state, in their respective districts, may at such election vote by ballot for or against said amendment, 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 election of members of congress; and if it shall

To be submitted to vote of the people. How votes canvassed and returns made.

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 thereupon take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution.

Ballots. — How prepared.]

SEC. 3. The ballots used at such election by electors voting in favor of this amendment shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereupon the following words: "Amendment of section five (5) of article five (5) of the constitution—Yes."

The ballots used by such electors voting against said amendment shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereupon the following words: "Amendment of section five (5) of article five (5) of the constitution—No."

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

Approved, March 1, 1883.

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## CHAPTER 2.

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE SEVEN (7) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE BY ADDING A SECTION THERETO, TO BE TERMED SECTION NINE (9) RELATING TO ELECTIVE 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 section shall read as follows:

Commencem't  
of official year,  
and time of gen-  
eral elections.

Sec. 9. The official year for the State of Minnesota shall commence on the first Monday in January in each year, and all terms of office shall terminate at that time: and the general election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The first general election for state and county officers, except judicial officers, after the adoption of this amendment, shall be held in the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four (1884), and thereafter the general election shall be held biennially. All