

# GENERAL LAWS

OF

## MINNESOTA.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE, COMMENCING JANUARY EIGHTH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE, AND TERMINATING APRIL TWENTY-THIRD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE.

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### CHAPTER I.

[H. F. No. 108.]

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION FOUR (4) OF ARTICLE (1) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

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

SECTION 1. The following amendment to section four (4) of article one (1) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, is hereby proposed to the people of said state for their approval or rejection, that is to say: To add at the end of said section the following paragraph: "And the legislature may provide that the agreement of five-sixths ( $\frac{5}{6}$ ) of any jury in any civil action or proceeding, after not less than six (6) hours deliberation, shall be a sufficient verdict therein."

Juries in civil actions.

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. eighteen hundred and ninety (1890), 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 and the result thereof declared in the manner provided by law for returning, certifying and canvassing votes at general elections for state officers and

Submitted to people, when.

declaring the result thereof, and if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of the voters present and voting at said election upon said amendment "yes" or "no," have voted in favor of the same, then within ten (10) days after the result shall have been ascertained, the governor shall make proclamation thereof and said amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in full force as part of the constitution of the state of Minnesota.

Ballots, form of.

SEC. 3. The ballots used at said election on said amendment shall have printed thereon: "Amendment to article one (1) of the constitution providing for five-sixths ( $\frac{5}{6}$ ) jury verdict in civil actions, yes—no;" and each elector voting on said amendment shall erase, mark across or scratch out one (1) of said words, yes or no, on said ballot and leave the other on the same when deposited in the ballot box, and no ballots shall be counted except those having one (1) only of said words "yes" or "no" thereon.

When act to take effect.

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

Approved March 13, 1889.

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## CHAPTER 2.

[H. F. No. 857.]

AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE THE BOUNDS OF SENATORIAL AND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS, AND TO APPORTION A NEW THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES AMONG THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS.

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

Senate and House—how composed.

SECTION 1. That for the next legislature and thereafter until a new apportionment shall have been made the senate of this state shall be composed of fifty-four (54) members and the house of representatives shall be composed of one hundred and fourteen (114) members.

Number Senatorial Districts

SEC. 2. That the representation in the senate and house of representatives be apportioned throughout the state in fifty-four (54) senatorial and representative districts, to-wit:

### FIRST DISTRICT.

Senatorial Districts.

The first (1st) district shall be composed of the county of Houston, and shall be entitled to elect one (1) senator and one (1) representative.