

Form of ballot.

SEC. 3. The ballots used at said election on said amendment shall have printed thereon "Amendment of article eight (8) of the constitution providing for loaning the permanent school and university fund to cities, villages, towns, counties and school districts, Yes—No," and each elector voting on said amendment shall place a cross mark thus (X) in a space to be left opposite either the word "Yes" or the word "No," and shall be counted for or against the proposition in accordance with the expressed will of the elector as provided by the election laws of the state.

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

Approved April 11, 1895.

S. F. No. 4.

CHAPTER 7.

To amend Art.
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An act proposing an amendment to the constitution of the state of Minnesota, to authorize the taxation of the property of sleeping, drawing room and parlor car, and other companies and owners, in the manner therein provided.

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

SECTION 1. The following amendment to the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of said state for approval or rejection, that is to say, to add at the end of article 9 thereof an additional section, to be appropriately numbered, and to be as follows:

Text of amend-
ment.

"The legislature may impose, or provide for the imposition of, upon the property within this state of any and all owners or operators, whether corporate or individual, or otherwise, of any and all sleeping, parlor and drawing room cars, or any or either of the same, which run in, into or through this state; also upon the property within this state of any and all telegraph and telephone companies, or owners, whose lines are in, or extend in, into or through this state; also upon the property within this state of all express companies, or owners, or any or either of the same, doing business in this state; also upon the property within this state of all domestic insurance companies of this state of any kind; also upon the property within this state of any and all foreign insurance companies doing business in this state of any kind; also upon the property within this state of all owners or operators of any and all

mines or of mineral ores situated in this state; also upon the property within this state of all boom companies or owners, and of all ship builders or owners doing business in this state or having a port therein; *provided*, that this act shall not apply to property owned by railroad companies, their lands and other property; and upon the property of either or any of such companies or owners a tax, as uniform as reasonably may be with the taxes imposed upon similar property in said state, or upon the earnings thereof within this state, but may be graded or progressive, or both, and in providing for such tax, or in providing for ascertaining the just and true value of such property, it shall be competent for the legislature, in either or all of such cases, to impose such tax, upon any or all property thereof within this state, and in either case by taking as the basis of such imposition the proportionate business, earnings, mileage or quantity of production or property now or hereafter existing of any such companies, persons or owners, transacted or existing in this state, in relation to the entire business, mileage or quantity of production or property of such companies, persons or owners as aforesaid; or in such other manner, or by such other method, as the legislature may determine; but the proceeds of such taxes upon mining property shall be distributed between the state and the various political subdivisions thereof wherein the same is situated in the same proportion as the proceeds of taxes upon real property are distributed; *provided further*, that nothing in this act contained shall operate to authorize the assessment or taxation of land or ordinary business blocks or property owned by any such corporation, person, firm or company except in the manner provided by the ordinary methods of taxation."

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to people of said state, for their approval or rejection, at the next general election for the year 1896. Each of the legal voters of said state may, at said election, vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and such election shall be conducted and the returns thereof made, certified and canvassed, and the result thereof proclaimed, in the manner provided by law, save that it shall be sufficient to state upon the ballots prepared therefor, as follows:

"Constitutional amendment providing for the taxation of sleeping car and other companies, and owners," etc., "Yes, No," but this shall not preclude the adoption of said amendment in any manner whatsoever. If it shall appear from such canvass and proclamation that a majority of the voters voting at said election upon said

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amendment "Yes" or "No" have voted in favor of the same, said amendment shall, upon such proclamation, take effect and be in full force as part of the constitution of the State of Minnesota.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 26, 1895.

S. F. No. 22.

CHAPTER 8.

Incorporation
of cities.

An act to provide for the incorporation, organization and government of cities.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:

CHAPTER I.

ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 1. Original incorporation.--The inhabitants of contiguous territory, not organized as a city and having not less than one thousand (1,000) population, may become incorporated as a city by majority vote of the qualified electors resident therein at an election called for that purpose as hereinafter set forth.

SEC. 2. Petition.--A petition stating the proposed corporate name, the population and a definite description of the territory sought to be incorporated, which shall be signed by such number of resident electors as shall equal one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the votes cast in said territory at the last preceding general election, shall be filed in the office of the county auditor and presented to the board of county commissioners of the county wherein the territory or the greater portion thereof is located.

SEC. 3. Notice.--Said county auditor within ten (10) days after the filing of such petition shall cause a notice setting forth the contents of the petition and the fact of the filing thereof to be published in the official paper of the county, and in case there is no official paper of the county, then in some newspaper of general circulation published in the county.

SEC. 4. Name.--A petition proposing another and different name for such proposed city, when signed by at least one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) as many of the resident electors of said territory as are required for the petition for original incorporation as above prescribed, may be presented to said board of county commissioners at any time before they shall have acted upon said original petition.

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