CHAPTER 7.

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 cars, 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:

"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 busi-
ness in this state or having a port therein; provided,
that this act shall not apply to property owned by rail-
road 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 legisla-
ture, 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 quan-
tity of production or property now or hereafter exist-
ing of any such companies, persons or owners, trans-
acted 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 be-
tween the state and the various political subdivisions
thereof wherein the same is situated in the same pro-
portion 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 com-
pany 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 taxa-
tion of sleeping car and other companies, and owners,"
eetc., "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
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.

CHAPTER 8.

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.

Sec. 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 (¼) 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 (½) 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.