An Act proposing an amendment to section sixteen (16), of article nine (IX), of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, establishing the road and bridge fund, and authorizing the legislature to levy an annual tax for the purpose of constructing and improving roads and bridges within this state.

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

Section 1. The following amendment to section sixteen (16) of article nine (IX), of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, is hereby proposed to the people of the state, for their approval or rejection; that is to say, change section sixteen (16), of article nine (IX), of said constitution, so that said section sixteen (16), shall read as follows:

"Section 16. For the purpose of lending aid in the construction and improvement of public highways and bridges, there is hereby created a fund, to be known as the 'State Road and Bridge Fund.' Said fund shall include all moneys accruing from the income derived from investments in the internal improvement land fund, or that may hereafter accrue to said fund, and shall also include all funds accruing to any state road and bridge fund, however provided.

The Legislature is authorized to add to such fund, for the purpose of constructing or improving roads and bridges of this state, by providing, in its discretion, for an annual tax levy upon the property of this state."

Section 2. This proposed amendment shall (shall) be submitted to the people of this state for their approval or rejection, at the general election occurring next after the passage of this act, and the qualified electors of this state in their respective districts may, at such election, vote for or against such amendment by ballot, 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 the election of state officers, and if it shall appear thereupon that a majority of all the electors voting at said election, as provided in the next section, have voted in favor of the same, then the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendment shall take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution.

Section 3. The ballots used at said election on said amendment shall have printed thereon:
"Amendment to section sixteen (16), of article nine (IX), of the constitution, establishing the road and bridge fund, and authorizing the legislature to levy an annual tax for the purpose of constructing and improving roads and bridges within this state. 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 this state.

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

Approved April 24, 1907.

CHAPTER 479—S. F. No. 105.

An Act proposing an amendment to article nine (9) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, authorizing the state auditor to levy an acreage tax on lands insured against loss by hail and wind at the option of the owners of said land for the purpose of creating an insurance fund against damage to crops by hail or wind storms or both, and to provide for the manner of handling and distributing of the said fund.

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

Section 1. The following amendment to article nine (9) of the constitution of the State of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of said state for their approval or rejection, which amendment, when so approved, shall be known as section seventeen (17) of article nine (9) and shall read as follows:

Section 17. The legislature may provide for the payment by the State of Minnesota of damages to growing crops by hail and wind, or either, and to provide a fund for that purpose, may impose a specific tax upon lands, the owners of which, at their option, have listed the same with county auditors for that purpose, and no payment shall be made of any such damages except from the fund so provided.

Sec. 2. The amendment herein shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the general election