

23 of article 4 of the constitution relating to the enumeration of the inhabitants of the state and to prescribe the bounds of congressional, senatorial and representative districts, and to apportion anew the senators and representatives. Yes. . . . , no.” Each elector voting upon such proposed amendment shall place a cross mark, thus “X” in a space to be left on the ballot and opposite the words “yes” and “no,” according as he may wish to vote for or against such amendment, and his vote shall be counted in accordance with the expressed will of such 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 20, 1909.

CHAPTER 510—H. F. No. 645.

An Act proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, providing a tax for re-forestation.

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 legal voters of said state for their approval or their rejection, which amendment, when so approved shall be known as section eighteen (18) of said article nine (9) and shall read as follows:

Sec. 18. To secure a sustained yield of timber for the use of the people of this state, the proper officials shall annually levy and collect a tax of one-fifteenth of one mill on each dollar of taxable property within this state, the proceeds of which shall be used for the purchase of land better adapted for forestry purposes than for agriculture for the state at not over \$3.00 per acre, and for the production and maintenance thereon of forest according to forestry principles.

Unexpended balances shall not lapse but constitute a fund for forestry purposes.

The timber produced thereon shall be sold at a fair valuation and the revenue therefrom or from other source shall be paid into the state treasury, except that one-quarter of the net revenue shall be paid to the towns or if unorganized, to the county, in which the land is situated, in aid of public schools and roads.

Should any tract acquired be found better adapted for any other purpose than the production of timber, it may be sold and the proceeds used for acquiring or developing forestry land.

Until otherwise directed by the legislature, which may supplement these provisions with necessary enactments, the state forestry board shall draw and disburse the money hereby provided and purchase, manage and control the lands and forests.

No money shall be paid for any tract until the attorney general shall certify to the validity of the title.

It shall be competent for two successive regular legislatures, by a two-thirds vote of each house, to repeal any of these provisions.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of said state for their approval or rejection at the next general election for the year 1910, as is now provided by law for submission of amendments of the constitution of this state, and each of the legal voters of said state may at said election vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of the voters voting at said election upon said amendment, "yes" or "no," have voted in favor of the same, then within ten 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.

Approved April 20, 1909.

CHAPTER 511—S. F. No. 251.

An Act proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, relating to exemption from taxation of certain lands used for reforestry purposes.

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

Section 1. The following amendment to article nine of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of the state of Minnesota, for their approval or rejection, which amendment, when adopted, shall be known as section 17a of said article nine, that is to say:

Section 17a. Laws may be enacted exempting lands from taxation for the purpose of encouraging and promoting the planting, cultivation and protection of useful forest trees thereon.

Section 2. Such proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people, for their approval or rejection, at the general election for the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, and the qualified electors of the state, in their respective districts, may, at such election, vote for or against such proposed amendment, by ballot, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified within the time,