

CHAPTER 531—S. F. No. 406.

An act proposing an amendment to Section seven (7), Article six (6) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, changing the length of the term of the judge of the probate court.

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

Section 1. That the following amendment of section 7, article 6 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 section when amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 7. There shall be established in each organized county in the state a probate court which shall be a court of record, and be held at such times and places as may be prescribed by law. It shall be held by one judge, who shall be elected by the voters of the county for the term of four years. He shall be a resident of such county at the time of his election, and reside therein during his continuance in office; and his compensation shall be provided by law. He may appoint his own clerk where none has been elected; but the legislature may authorize the election, by the electors of any county, of one clerk or register of probate for such county, whose powers, duties, term of office and compensation shall be prescribed by law. A probate court shall have jurisdiction over the estates of deceased persons and persons under guardianship, but no other jurisdiction, except as prescribed by this constitution.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to 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 vote 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 full force as a part of the constitution of the state.

Sec. 3. The ballots used at said election on said amendment shall have printed thereon amendment to section seven (7), article six (6), of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, providing for extension of the term of office of the probate judge to four (4) years (Yes.....No.....), and each elector voting on said amendment shall place a cross mark thus (X) in space to be left opposite either the words yes or no and shall be counted for or against the proposition in accordance with the expressed will of the electors as provided by the election law of this state.

Approved April 4, 1919.