

Sec. 3. The ballots used at said election, on said proposed amendment, shall have printed thereon: "Amendment of article nine of the constitution, relating to taxation, to take the place of section one. 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 opposite the words "yes" and "no," according as he may wish to vote for or against said 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 March 18, 1919.

CHAPTER 533—S. F. No. 515.

An act to amend Section 2226, General Statutes of 1913, relating to the taxation of railroad companies owning or operating any line of railroad situate within or partly within this state, and to provide for the submission of this act to the people of this state for their approval or rejection.

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

Section 1. That section 2226 of the General Statutes for 1913 be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2226. Every railroad company owning or operating any line of railroad situated within or partly within this state, shall, during the year 1913 and annually thereafter, pay into the treasury of the state, in lieu of all taxes, upon all property within this state owned or operated for railway purposes, by such company, including equipment, appurtenances, appendages and franchises thereof, a sum of money equal to five per cent of the gross earnings derived from the operation of such line of railway within this state.

On or before August 15, 1913, and annually thereafter, each such railroad company shall make, according to law, a true and just return of all such gross earnings for the six months ending June 30th next preceding, and the said tax of five per centum thereon shall become due and payable to the state of Minnesota in manner provided by law, on September 1st next thereafter.

On or before February 15, 1914, and annually thereafter, each such railroad company shall make, according to law, a true and just return of all such gross earnings for the six months ending December 31st next preceding, and said tax of five per centum thereon shall become due and payable to the state of Minnesota in manner provided by law, on March 1st next thereafter; and the payments of such sums at the times here-

inbefore set forth shall be in full and in lieu of all other taxes upon the property and franchises so taxed.

The lands acquired by public grant shall be and remain exempt from taxation until sold or contracted to be sold or conveyed as provided in the respective acts whereby such grants were made or recognized.

Sec. 2. This act shall be submitted to the people of this state for their approval or rejection at the next general election for the year 1920. The secretary of state shall cause to be printed in bold type upon the ballot used in voting for state officers or upon a separate ballot, if so provided by law at said election, in manner conformable with the requirements of the general election law, the words:

"Shall chapter (insert number), Laws of Minnesota for 1919, amending section 2226, General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, so as to make real property used for railway purposes subject to assessments, be adopted and ratified?"

Yes.....
No....."

And each voter voting at such election shall designate his vote by a cross mark made opposite one or the other of the words "Yes" or "No", and said elector shall in all respects conform as far as may be to the requirements of the general election law, and the returns of said election shall be made, canvassed and certified and the results thereof declared in the manner provided by law for returning, certifying and canvassing votes cast for state officers.

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

Approved April 21, 1919.

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Joint resolution ratifying a proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, both houses of the sixty-fifth congress of the United States of America, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds thereof, made the following proposition to amend the constitution of the United States of America, in the following words, to-wit:

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States.

1. RESOLVED by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled (two-thirds of each house concurring therein), that the following amendment to the constitution be, and hereby is, proposed to the states, to become valid as a part of the constitution when ratified by the legislatures of the several states as provided by the constitution: