

RESOLUTION No. 13—S. F. No. 952

A joint resolution authorizing the Governor to designate the congressional district in which vacancies may happen as to the congressional members elected by the state at large for the term beginning March 4, 1933, and authorizing the Governor to issue writs of election to fill such vacancies.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States provides in Article 1, Section 2, that the members of the House of Representatives shall be chosen every second year by the people of the several states, and

WHEREAS, the apportionment of representatives from Minnesota in accordance with the 1930 census has been decreased to nine members, and

WHEREAS, the existing congressional districts, under the act of the Minnesota Legislature dividing the state into ten congressional districts, are not at all adapted to the new apportionment, and

WHEREAS, unless and until new congressional districts are created all representatives in Congress allotted to the State of Minnesota must be elected by the state at large, and

WHEREAS, in the 1931 session, the Minnesota Legislature passed House File 1456, a bill for an act to divide the State of Minnesota into nine congressional districts, and

WHEREAS, in the case of *Smiley v. Mike Holm*, Secretary of the State of Minnesota, the United States Supreme Court held that said House File 1456 passed by the Minnesota Legislature during the 1931 session dividing the state into nine congressional districts was unconstitutional, and

WHEREAS, as a result of said decision of the United States Supreme Court, in order to afford the state the representation in Congress to which it was constitutionally entitled during the congressional term beginning March 4, 1933, it was necessary to elect said congressmen for said term by the state at large, and

WHEREAS, the re-districting act passed (or to be passed) by the 1933 session of the Minnesota Legislature will not be applicable to any vacancy which may occur in the membership of the state congressional delegation which was elected by the state at large for the congressional term beginning March 4, 1933, and

WHEREAS, if a vacancy should occur in said Minnesota congressional membership prior to the next general election, to be held in

November 1935, it would be necessary to fill such vacancy by holding an election by the state at large; and

WHEREAS, the holding of such an election by the state at large to fill such a vacancy, if and when one occurs, would entail a great deal of expense and inconvenience to the taxpayers and electors of the state,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that if and when vacancies happen in the membership of the Minnesota Congressional delegation, as to the members elected by the state at large for the congressional term commencing March 4, 1933, the Governor of the state is hereby directed and authorized to designate the congressional district in which such vacancies happen for the purpose of holding an election in such designated district to fill such vacancies and he shall issue Writs of Election to fill such vacancies.

Approved April 4, 1933.

RESOLUTION No. 14—S. F. No. 569

Joint resolution, that the organization of the American Legislators' Association and of the Interstate Legislative Reference Bureau are hereby commended as legitimate and constructive efforts to assist the legislatures of the various states in the efficient performance of their work.

WHEREAS, All experienced persons know that in each State, legislative problems continually increase, both in number and in complexity, and

WHEREAS, It is obvious that in order to solve such problems most effectively, each legislature must give systematic, scientific and business-like consideration to the actual *facts* which have a bearing upon each question—to the extent that such facts have been determined by reliable research, and

WHEREAS, Each legislature must give similar consideration to the methods and experience of other jurisdictions in dealing with problems similar to its own, and