

CHAPTER 642—H. F. No. 1557

[Not Coded].

An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota by adding thereto a new article authorizing the state to pay an adjusted compensation to persons who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war; the levying of taxes; the appropriation and expenditure of monies; the contracting of debts; the issuance and negotiation of bonds or certificates of indebtedness for that purpose; and repealing inconsistent provisions of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

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

Section 1. Proposed constitutional amendment. An amendment 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, if adopted, shall be known as Article 20 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

Article 20-

Section 1. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota by adding thereto a new article authorizing the State to pay an adjusted compensation to persons who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war; the levying of taxes; the appropriation and expenditure of monies; the contracting of debts; the issuance and negotiation of bonds or certificates of indebtedness for that purpose. The state may at any time pay an adjusted compensation to persons who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the period from and including September 16, 1940, through December 30, 1946; may levy taxes and appropriate monies for such purpose; and if and whenever authorized, and in such amounts and on such terms as may be fixed by the Legislature, may expend monies, may contract debts, may issue and negotiate bonds or certificates of indebtedness, or both, and may pledge the public credit, to provide money therefor. The provisions of section 5 of Article 9 of the Constitution shall not apply to the provisions of this section, and the purposes for which the credit of the state may be given or loaned as herein provided are declared to be public purposes.

Sec. 2. Repealing inconsistent provisions. Any and all provisions of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota inconsistent with the provisions of this article are hereby repealed,

so far, but only so far, as the same prohibit or limit the power of the Legislature to enact laws authorizing or permitting the doing of the things hereinbefore authorized.

Sec. 2. Submitted to voters. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of this state for their approval or rejection at the general election for the year 1948 in the manner provided by law for the submission of amendments to the Constitution, and the votes thereon shall be counted, canvassed, and the result thereof proclaimed as provided by law. The ballots used at such election shall have printed thereon the following: "Shall the Constitution of the State of Minnesota be amended by adding thereto a new article authorizing the state at any time to pay an adjusted compensation to persons who have served in the armed forces of the United States during the period from and including September 16, 1940, through December 30, 1946, to levy taxes and appropriate monies for such purpose; to expend monies, contract debts, issue and negotiate bonds or certificates of indebtedness or both, and to pledge the public credit if and whenever authorized and in such amounts and on such terms as may be fixed by the Legislature, and repealing inconsistent provisions of the Constitution?" Yes No"

Approved April 28, 1947.

RESOLUTION No. 1—HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION No. 2

A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to continue its appropriations in support of the Rural Electrification Program and to refrain from enacting any legislation adverse thereto.

WHEREAS, The rural population of the State of Minnesota is vitally interested in the benefits and conveniences afforded by the Rural Electrification Administration, and,

WHEREAS, There should be sufficient appropriations of the Rural Electrification Administration as approximately only 55% of the rural population of Minnesota is served by this program, and,