

CHAPTER 591—S. F. No. 64.

An Act proposing an amendment to Article Nine of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, relating to the payment of bounties by the state to encourage the planting, cultivation and protection of useful forest trees.

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 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 (9), that is to say:

"Section 17a. For the purpose of encouraging the planting, cultivation and protection of useful forest trees in this state, laws may be enacted providing for the payment by the state of an annual bounty of not more than two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per acre, for a term, in each case of not more than ten (10) years, and not exceeding ten (10) acres, to any one person who shall plant, cultivate and protect useful forest trees upon his own land."

Sec. 2. Such proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people, for their approval or rejection, at the general election for the year 1914, 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, 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 such election shall have voted for and ratified the said amendment, as provided in the next section hereof, then the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendment so ratified shall take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution.

Sec. 3. The ballots used at said election on said proposed amendment shall have printed thereon: "amendment of Article Nine (9) of the constitution relating to the payment of tree bounties by the state to encourage reforestation. '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 14, 1913.