

CHAPTER XXV.

An Act proposing an amendment to section one, article seven, of the constitution of the State of Minnesota.

February 27 '67

SECTION 1.—Proposed amendment—who entitled to vote.

2.—Amendment to be submitted to voters.

3.—Ballots, how prepared.

4.—When act to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. The following amendment to the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed for publication, and approval or rejection by the people, in accordance with section one of article fourteen of the constitution—that is to say, that section one of article seven of the constitution, shall be amended so as to read as follows:

Amendment

Section 1. Every male person of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, belonging to either of the following classes, who shall have resided in the United States one year, and in this state for four months next preceding any election, shall be entitled to vote at such election, in the election district of which he shall at the time have been for ten days a resident, for all officers that now are or hereafter may be elected by the people:

First—Citizens of the United States.

Second—Persons of foreign birth who shall have declared their intention to become citizens conformably to the laws of the United States upon the subject of naturalization.

Third—Persons of mixed white and Indian blood who have adopted the customs and habits of civilization.

Fourth—Persons of Indian blood residing in this state who have adopted the language, customs and habits of civilization, after an examination before any district court of the state, in such a manner as may be

provided by law, and shall have been pronounced by said court capable of exercising the right of citizenship within this state.

To be voted on

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the several districts of this state, for their approval or rejection, at the next general election for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; and each of the legal voters of the state, in their respective districts, may, at such election, vote by ballot for or against such amendment, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified, and such votes canvassed, and the result thereof declared in the manner provided by law for returning, certifying and canvassing votes at "general elections for state officers," and declaring the result thereof; and if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of voters present and voting at such election upon said amendment have voted in favor of the same, then within three days after that result shall have been ascertained and declared, the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution.

Ballots

SEC. 3. The ballots used at said election, by those voting in favor of such amendment, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, thereon, the following words: "Amendment to section one, article seven, of the constitution, Yes;" and the ballots used at said election by those voting against such amendment, shall have written or printed, or partly written or partly printed thereon, the following words: "Amendment to section one, article seven, of the constitution, No."

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

Approved February 27, 1867.