

CHAPTER CVIII.

An Act proposing an amendment to article fifteen, of the Constitution of the State of the Minnesota by adding thereto a new section, relating to the disposal of the Internal Improvement Lands.

March 5, 1868.

- SECTION 1. Amendment to Constitution by additional Section. How lands may be disposed of.
2. Amendment to be submitted to voters.
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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, article fifteen of the constitution shall be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be the sixth section of said article, which new section shall read as follows :

Sec. 6. No law disposing of the five hundred thousand acres of land, or any part thereof, or the proceeds thereof, granted to the state of Minnesota under and by virtue of an act of congress, entitled an act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights, approved September fourth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, shall take effect or be in force until such law shall have been submitted to a vote of the people of the state, and adopted by a majority of the electors of the state voting upon the same.

How lands may be disposed of.

Provided, That nothing in this section contained shall be so construed as to prevent the Legislature from providing by law for the appraisal and sale of such lands and the investment of the proceeds thereof in state or national securities.

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted

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to the people of the state for their approval or rejection, at the next annual election for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and the qualified electors 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 annual elections for state officers, and declaring the result thereof. And if it shall appear therefrom, that a majority of electors present and voted at such election, 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, how
prepared.

SEC. 3. The ballots used at such election by electors voting in favor of such amendment, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon, the following words: "Internal improvement lands—amendment to article fifteenth of the constitution—Yes." And the ballots used at such election by electors voting against such amendment, shall have written or printed or partly written and partly printed thereon, the following words: "Internal improvement lands—amendment to article fifteenth of the constitution—No."

Approved March 5, 1868.