

GENERAL LAWS

OF

MINNESOTA.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE SEVENTRENTH SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE, COMMENCING JANUARY FIFTH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE, AND TERMINATING MARCH FIFTH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE.

CHAPTER I.

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION FOUR OF ARTICLE SIX OF THE CONSTITUTION, RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.

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

SECTION 1. The following amendment to the constitution 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 four of article six of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4. The state shall be divided by the legislature into judicial districts, which shall be composed of contiguous territory, be bounded by county lines, and contain a population as nearly equal as may be practicable. In each judicial district one or more judges, as the legislature may prescribe, shall be elected by the electors thereof, whose term of office shall be seven years, and each of said judges shall severally have and exercise the powers of the court under such limitations as may be prescribed by law. Every district judge shall at the time of his election be a resident of the district for which he shall be elected, and shall reside therein during his continuance in office. In case any court of common pleas heretofore established shall be abolished, the judge of such court may be constituted by the legislature one of the judges of the district court of the district wherein such court has been so established for a period not exceeding the unexpired term for which he was elected.

Division of state into judicial districts.

To be submitted to a vote of the people—how vote canvassed and returns made.

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the general election for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and each of the legal voters of the state in their respective 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 votes present and voting at such election upon such 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—how prepared.

SEC. 3. The voters voting in favor of such amendment at said election shall have written or printed or partly written and partly printed upon their ballots at said election the following words: "Amendment to section four, article six of the constitution—yes;" and the ballots used at said election by those voting against such amendment shall have written or printed or partly printed or partly written and partly printed thereon the following words: "Amendment to section four of article six of the constitution—no."

When act to take effect.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 8, 1875.

Adopted

CHAPTER II.

AN ACT PROPOSING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO BE TERMED SECTION (8) OF ARTICLE (7) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, RELATING TO ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

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

Pertaining to female suffrage.

SECTION 1. The following amendment to article seven (7) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, which amendment shall be termed section eight (8) of said article, is hereby proposed to the people of said state for their approval or rejection, which section shall read as follows: The legislature may, notwithstanding anything in this article, provide by law, that any woman at the age of twenty-one years and upward,