

or not scratched, the word "yes" thereon shall be counted in favor of said amendment, and any ballot having unmarked, not erased or not scratched, the word "no" thereon shall be counted against said amendment.

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

Approved April 15, 1891.

## CHAPTER 2.

[S. F. No. 124.]

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION THREE (3) OF ARTICLE NINE (9) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, AUTHORIZING THE TAXATION OF THE GROSS EARNINGS IN THIS STATE OF RAILROADS, SLEEPING, DRAWING ROOM AND PARLOR CAR COMPANIES, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES, EXPRESS COMPANIES AND INSURANCE COMPANIES, OR IN LIEU OF SUCH TAX AUTHORIZING A LICENSE FEE OR TAX ON EITHER OR ANY OF SUCH COMPANIES, AND AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC TAX ON MINING PROPERTY.

Section 3, art. 9,  
State constitution.

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

SECTION 1. The following amendment to section three (3) of article nine (9) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of said state for their approval or rejection, that is to say, to add at the end of said section the following words:

Amendment  
proposed.

"And there may be levied and collected annually a tax upon the gross earnings in this state of all railroads, sleeping, parlor and drawing room car companies, or owners, whose cars run in or into this state; on all telegraph and telephone companies, or owners, whose lines are in or extend into this state; on all express companies, or owners, doing business in this state; on all foreign insurance companies doing business in this state; on all domestic insurance companies of this state, or on either or any of such companies. Or in lieu of such tax on the gross earnings of such companies, or either or any of them, an annual license fee or tax imposed on them, or either or any of them; but no tax upon the gross earnings of any corporation shall be construed to prevent the taxation, by law, of any real estate owned by said corporation not used in the business of the same. And there may be levied and collected, in lieu of other taxation on mining property, a specific tax upon the

Taxation of railroads and sleeping car, telegraph and telephone companies—on express companies—on insurance companies.

On mine products.

product of all mines in this state, but no such tax shall be construed to prevent the taxation by law of any real estate belonging to the owners of such mine not used in the business of mining or in connection therewith."

Submission to a  
vote.

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of said state, for their approval or rejection, at the next general election for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two (1892), and each of the legal voters of said state may, at said election, vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified, and such votes 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 the voters present and voting at said election upon said amendment "yes" or "no," have voted in favor of the same, then within ten (10) days after the result shall have been ascertained the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and said amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in full force as part of the constitution of the state of Minnesota.

Form of ballot.

SEC. 3. The ballots used at said election on said amendment shall have printed thereon, "Amendment to section three (3) of article nine (9) of the constitution, providing for the taxation of sleeping car companies and other companies, yes—no;" and each elector voting on said amendment shall erase, mark across, or scratch out, one (1) of said words "yes" or "no" on said ballot box, and no ballots shall be counted except those having one (1) only of said words "yes" or "no" thereon.

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

Approved April 21, 1891.

## CHAPTER 3.

[S. F. No. 354.]

Congressional  
apportionment.

AN ACT TO DIVIDE THE STATE OF MINNESOTA INTO SEVEN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

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

Seven districts.

SECTION 1. The State of Minnesota is hereby divided into seven (7) congressional districts, each of which is entitled to elect one (1) representative to the congress of the United States.

First district.

SEC. 2. The counties of Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Freeborn, Waseca, Steele, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona and Wabasha shall constitute the first (1st) congressional district.