

posed amendment in accordance with provisions of the election laws of the state."

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1909.

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CHAPTER 509—S. F. No. 713.

*An Act proposing an amendment to section 23 of article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, relating to the enumeration of the inhabitants of the state, the prescribing of the bounds of congressional, senatorial and representative districts and the apportionment of senators and representatives.*

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

Section 1. The following amendment of section 23, article 4 of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of the state of Minnesota for their approval or rejection, that is to say: said section 23 of said article 4 shall be amended to read as follows:

"Section 23. The legislature shall provide by law for enumeration of the inhabitants of this state in the year 1915 and every ten (10) years thereafter. At any session after any enumeration of the inhabitants of this state made pursuant to law and also at any session after each enumeration made by the authority of the United States, the legislature shall have the power to prescribe the bounds of congressional, senatorial and representative districts, or any of the same, and to apportion anew the senators and representatives among the several districts according to the provisions of section 2 of this article."

Sec. 2. Such proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the general election for the year 1910, 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 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 such election on such proposed amendment shall have printed thereon: "Amendment of section

23 of article 4 of the constitution relating to the enumeration of the inhabitants of the state and to prescribe the bounds of congressional, senatorial and representative districts, and to apportion anew the senators and representatives. 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 and opposite the words “yes” and “no,” according as he may wish to vote for or against such 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 April 20, 1909.

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#### CHAPTER 510—H. F. No. 645.

*An Act proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, providing a tax for re-forestation.*

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 legal voters of said state for their approval or their rejection, which amendment, when so approved shall be known as section eighteen (18) of said article nine (9) and shall read as follows:

Sec. 18. To secure a sustained yield of timber for the use of the people of this state, the proper officials shall annually levy and collect a tax of one-fifteenth of one mill on each dollar of taxable property within this state, the proceeds of which shall be used for the purchase of land better adapted for forestry purposes than for agriculture for the state at not over \$3.00 per acre, and for the production and maintenance thereon of forest according to forestry principles.

Unexpended balances shall not lapse but constitute a fund for forestry purposes.

The timber produced thereon shall be sold at a fair valuation and the revenue therefrom or from other source shall be paid into the state treasury, except that one-quarter of the net revenue shall be paid to the towns or if unorganized, to the county, in which the land is situated, in aid of public schools and roads.

Should any tract acquired be found better adapted for any other purpose than the production of timber, it may be sold and the proceeds used for acquiring or developing forestry land.