

Until otherwise directed by the legislature, which may supplement these provisions with necessary enactments, the state forestry board shall draw and disburse the money hereby provided and purchase, manage and control the lands and forests.

No money shall be paid for any tract until the attorney general shall certify to the validity of the title.

It shall be competent for two successive regular legislatures, by a two-thirds vote of each house, to repeal any of these provisions.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of said state for their approval or rejection at the next general election for the year 1910, as is now provided by law for submission of amendments of the constitution of this state, and each of the legal voters of said state may at said election vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and if it shall appear therefrom that a majority of the voters voting at said election upon said amendment, "yes" or "no," have voted in favor of the same, then within ten 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.

Approved April 20, 1909.

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#### CHAPTER 511—S. F. No. 251.

*An Act proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, relating to exemption from taxation of certain lands used for reforestry purposes.*

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

Section 1. The following amendment to article nine of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of the state of Minnesota, for their approval or rejection, which amendment, when adopted, shall be known as section 17a of said article nine, that is to say:

Section 17a. Laws may be enacted exempting lands from taxation for the purpose of encouraging and promoting the planting, cultivation and protection of useful forest trees thereon.

Section 2. Such proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people, for their approval or rejection, at the general election for the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, 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 a 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 said election on said proposed amendment shall have printed thereon: "Amendment of article nine of the constitution relating to exemption of certain lands from taxation to encourage reforestation thereon. "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 opposite the words "yes" and "no," according as he may wish to vote for or against said 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 March 27, 1909.