JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1-H. F. No. 11.

Joint Resolution ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that Senators shall be elected by the people of the several states.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has proposed an amendment of section 3 of article 1 of the Constitution of the United States of America by a joint resolution, which resolution was duly adopted by the House of Representatives of the United States and the Senate of the United States, which said resolution was as follows:

"That in lieu of the first paragraph of section 3 of article 1 of the Constitution of the United States, and in lieu of so much of paragraph 2 of the same section as relates to the filling of vacancies, the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states:

"The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each senator shall have one vote. The electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislatures.

""When vacancies happen in the representation of any state in the Senate, the executive authority of such state shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, that the legislature of any state may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

"This amendment shall not be so construed as to effect the election or term of any senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.""

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, By the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That the said amendment so proposed by the Congress of the United States be and the same is hereby ratified.

Approved June 12, 1912.

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