

CHAPTER 593—S. F. No. 10.

An Act proposing an amendment to Article Seven (7) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota providing for recall of public officials.

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

Section 1. That Article Seven (7) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota shall be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto, at the end of said Article, a new section, which shall be numbered Section 10 of said Article Seven (7), and which shall read as follows:

"Section 10. Every public official in Minnesota, elective or appointive, shall be subject to recall from office by the electors of his official or electoral district as herein provided. A petition demanding his recall setting forth the reasons therefor, signed by such number of electors in his district as shall be provided by law, which number shall not be less than twenty per centum or more than thirty per centum of the total number of votes cast for governor in such district at the last preceding election, shall be filed in the office where petitions for nominations to such office are filed, or in such other office as may be provided by law, and the officer in whose office such petition is filed, shall order a special election for such recall. If such official shall resign within five days after such petition is filed, the vacancy thereby created shall be filled as may be provided by law; but if he shall not so resign, such special election, to be held within twenty-five days after the filing of the petition, shall be called to determine whether such official shall be recalled. On the official ballot at such election shall be printed, in not more than two hundred words, the reasons for demanding the recall of such official as set forth in the petition, and in not more than two hundred words such official's justification of his course in office. Such official shall continue to perform the duties of his office until the result of such election shall be officially declared. No such petition shall be signed or filed against any official until he shall have held office six months; and no petition shall be signed or filed for the recall of any judicial official within sixty days of the decision, ruling or act complained of in the petition. Such additional legislation as may aid in the operation of this section and proceedings thereunder shall be provided by law. At such election no person shall be voted for, and the only proposition submitted shall be the recall of such official. Any person recalled, as provided in this section, shall be ineligible to fill the vacancy caused by his recall."

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of this state for their approval or rejection at the general election occurring next after the passage of this act, and the qualified voters of this state in their respective districts may at

such election vote for or against such amendment by ballot, and the return thereof shall be made and certified within the time, and such votes 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 said election as provided in the next section have voted in favor of the same, then the governor shall make proclamation thereof and such amendment shall take effect and be in force as part of the constitution.

Sec. 3. The ballots used at said election on said amendment shall have printed on them "amendment to Article Seven (7) of the constitution providing for the recall of public officials, Yes.....No.....," and each elector voting on said amendment shall place a crossmark thus (X) in the space left opposite the word "yes" or the word "no" and such vote shall be counted for or against the proposition in accordance with the expressed will of the elector, as provided by the election laws of the state.

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CHAPTER 594—H. F. No. 1171.

An Act proposing an amendment to Article 9 of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, authorizing the enactment of laws taxing dogs and from the funds derived from such tax providing for the payment of damages sustained by the owners of domestic animals by reason of injuries caused by dogs.

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

Section 1. The following amendment to Article 9 of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of the state for their approval or rejection, which amendment, if approved, shall be known as Section 18 of Article 9 of the constitution and shall read as follows:

"Section 18. Laws may be enacted providing for the taxation of dogs on a basis other than the value of the dog, and from the fund derived from such tax, authorizing payment of the damages sustained by the owners of other domestic animals by reason of injuries caused by dogs."

Sec. 2. Said proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the general election to be holden in the year 1914, and the qualified voters of the state shall, in their respective districts, at such election, vote for or against such amendment by ballot. The returns thereof shall be made and certified at the same time and in the same manner as is provided by law with reference to state officers, and if it shall appear that a majority of all voters voting at such election shall have voted in favor of such amendment, the