

GENERAL LAWS

OF

MINNESOTA,

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE, COMMENCING JANUARY FOURTH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE, AND TERMINATING MARCH FOURTH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE (1881).

CHAPTER 1.

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION ONE (1) OF ARTICLE NINE (9) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

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

The following amendment of section one (1) article nine (9) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota shall be proposed to the people of said State, that is to say, that the said section be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. All taxes to be raised in this State shall be as nearly equal as may be, and all property on which taxes are to be levied shall have a cash valuation and be equalized and uniform throughout the State, *Provided* that the legislature may by general law or special act, authorize municipal corporations to levy assessments for local improvements upon the property fronting upon such improvements, or upon the property to be benefitted by such improvements, or both, without regard to a cash valuation, and in such manner as the legislature may prescribe. And provided further, that for the purpose of defraying the expenses of laying water pipes and supplying any city or municipality with water, the legislature may, by general or special law, authorize any such city or municipality, having a population of five thousand (5,000) or more, to levy an annual tax or assessment upon the lineal foot of all lands fronting on any water main or water pipe laid by such city or municipality within corporate limits of said city for supplying water to the citizens thereof without regard to the cash value of such property, and to empower

Taxes levied to be equal.

such city to collect any such tax assessments or fines, or penalties for failure to pay the same, or any fine or penalty for any violation of the rules of such city or municipality in regard to the use of water, or for any water rate due for the same.

Amendment
submitted to
the people,
when, &c.

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 one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, (1881) and each of the legal voters of the said State may, in their respective districts, at said election vote by ballot for or against said amendment, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified and such votes canvassed, 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 voters present and voting at such election upon such amendment have voted in favor of the same, then within three (3) days after that result shall have been ascertained and declared, the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in full force as a part of said constitution.

How ballots
shall read.

SEC. 3. The ballots used at said election by those voting in favor of said amendment shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon, the following words: "Amendment of Section one, (1) Article nine (9) of the Constitution—Yes." And the ballots used at said election by those voting against such amendment shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon, the following words: "Amendment of Section one (1), Article nine (9) of the Constitution.—No."

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

Approved March 3, 1881.

CHAPTER 2.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ONE (1) AND SECTION SEVEN (7),
ARTICLE FOUR (4) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE.

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

Duration of
legislative
sessions.

SECTION 1. Strike out of section "one" (1) in article "four" (4) of the constitution of this State the words, "but no session shall exceed the term of sixty (60) days."