

manner as provided in sections forty-seven (47) and forty-eight (48) of this chapter.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 17, 1905.

H. F. No. 579.

CHAPTER 212.

An act proposing an amendment to section sixteen (16) of article nine (IX) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, establishing the road and bridge fund, and authorizing the Legislature to levy an annual tax for the purpose of constructing and improving roads and bridges within this state.

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

Constitutional amendment.

SECTION 1. The following amendment to section sixteen (16) of article nine (IX) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, is hereby proposed to the people of the state for their approval or rejection; that is to say, change section sixteen (16) of article nine (IX) of said Constitution so that said section sixteen (16) shall read as follows:

Improvement of public highways.

"Section 16. For the purpose of lending aid in the construction and improvement of public highways and bridges, there is hereby created a fund, to be known as the "state road and bridge fund," said fund shall include all moneys accruing from the income derived from investments in the internal improvement land fund, or that may hereafter accrue to said fund, and shall also include all funds accruing to any state road and bridge fund, however provided.

Authority to legislature.

The Legislature is authorized to add to such fund, for the purpose of constructing or improving roads and bridges of this state, by providing, in its discretion, for an annual tax levy upon the property of this state of not to exceed in any year one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of one mill on all the taxable property within the state.

Provided, that no county shall receive in any year more than three (3) per cent or less than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of one (1) per cent of the total fund thus provided and expended during such year; and *provided, further*, that in no

case shall more than one-third (1-3) of the cost of constructing or improving any road or bridge be paid by the state from such fund."

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 electors of this state in their respective districts may at such election vote for or against such amendment by ballot; and the returns 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 a part of the constitution.

Submitted
to vote.

SEC. 3. The ballots used at said election on said amendment shall have printed thereon, "Amendment to section sixteen (16) of article nine (IX) of the Constitution, establishing the road and bridge fund, and authorizing the Legislature to levy an annual tax for the purpose of constructing and improving roads and bridges within this state. Yes.... No....." and each elector voting on said amendment shall place a cross mark thus (X) in a space to be left opposite either the word "Yes" or the word "No," and shall be counted for or against the proposition in accordance with the expressed will of the elector, as provided by the election laws of this state.

Form of
ballot.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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