

election districts may, at such election, vote by ballot or by voting machine for or against this amendment, and the return thereon shall be made and certified within the time, and such votes shall be canvassed, and the result of said election shall be declared in the manner provided by law with reference to the election of state officers; and if it shall appear thereon that a majority of all electors voting at said election have voted for 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 of this state.

Sec. 3. The ballots used at said election in voting upon said amendment shall have printed thereon: "A provision for direct legislation by the people through the initiative and referendum, being an amendment to Section 1, Article 4 of the state constitution, "Yes..... No.....," and each elector voting upon said amendment shall place a cross mark (X) in the space to the left opposite the word "Yes" or in the space opposite the word "No" or may vote by voting machine as the case may be, and said vote shall be counted for or against said amendment in accordance with the expressed will of the elector, as provided by the election laws of the state.

Approved April 24, 1915.

CHAPTER 386—S. F. No. 46.

An Act proposing an amendment to Section seven (7), Article six (6) of the constitution of the State of Minnesota, changing the length of the term of the judge of the probate court.

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

Section 1. That the following amendment of Section 7, Article 6 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 section when amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 7. There shall be established in each organized county in the state a probate court which shall be a court of record, and be held at such times and places as may be prescribed by law. It shall be held by one judge, who shall be elected by the voters of the county for the term of four years. He shall be a resident of such county at the time of his election, and reside therein during his continuance in office; and his compensation shall be provided by law. He may appoint his own clerk where none has been elected; but the legislature may authorize the election, by the electors of any county, of one clerk or register of probate for such county, whose powers, duties, term of office and compensation shall be prescribed by law. A probate court shall have jurisdic-

tion over the estates of deceased persons and persons under guardianship, but no other jurisdiction, except as prescribed by this constitution.

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 district 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 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 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 full force as a part of the constitution of the state.

Sec. 3. The ballots used at said election on said amendment shall have printed thereon amendment to Section seven (7) Article six (6), of the constitution of the State of Minnesota, providing for extension of the term of office of the probate judge to four (4) years, (Yes. No.), and each elector voting on said amendment shall place a cross mark thus (X) in space to be left opposite either the words yes or no and shall be counted for or against the proposition in accordance with the expressed will of the electors as provided by the election law of this state.

Approved April 24, 1915.

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 1.

An Act relating to freight rates.

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

WHEREAS, The railroads operating in western classification territory, including all states west of the Illinois-Indiana state line, have filed tariffs with the Interstate Commerce Commission providing for substantial increase in freight and passenger rates upon interstate commerce, which advances vitally affect the interest of the people of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Upon the application of the railroad commissioners of several states, including Minnesota, the freight tariffs were suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission for a period of four months and it is the intention of the Minnesota commission and the various state commissions to ask that the tariffs showing increases in passenger fares be suspended for a similar period, for the purpose of enabling an investigation to be made of the reasonableness of the proposed increases; and