

in the several states, on the second Tuesday of October in each year, in which they are required to be elected.

WHEREAS, the constitution of this state requires a general election to be held therein annually on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, for the election of such state and county officers as are required to be elected in any year, and,

WHEREAS, under such provision of the state constitution a general election is required to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, in each of the years 1870 and 1871, for the election of certain of the members of the state legislature and other state and county officers, and,

WHEREAS, under a general law of this state, elections for members of congress have heretofore been held biennially on the day fixed as aforesaid for holding elections, and,

WHEREAS, the constitution of this state can only be amended after a proposal therefor has been first submitted by two consecutive legislatures, and thereafter ratified by a majority of the people of this state, and can not be accomplished before November, 1871, and,

WHEREAS, two elections, one in October and the other in November, would occasion great trouble, inconvenience and expense to the people of this state, therefore,

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the congress of the United States are hereby most earnestly requested to except the state of Wisconsin until the first day of January 1871, from the operation of any law requiring the election of members of congress in the several states on a particular day.

Resolved further, that the governor be, and is hereby requested to forward a copy of the foregoing to each of our senators and representatives in the congress of the United States.

Approved March 17, 1870.

NUMBER 12.

JOINT RESOLUTION amending section four of article four of the constitution of this state.

WHEREAS, The congress of the United States has passed the following: A bill to establish a uniform time for holding

elections for electors of president and vice president of the United States, and the representatives in congress in all the states of the union: Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the electors of president and vice president shall be appointed in each state on the second Tuesday of October, in the year in which they are to be appointed, and that representatives in congress shall be elected in each state on the second Tuesday of October next preceding the beginning of the term of congress to which they are elected; and so much of the act relative to the election of a president and vice president of the United States and declaring the officer who shall act as president in case of vacancies in the offices both of president and vice president, approved March 1, 1792, and of the act to establish a uniform time for holding elections for electors of president and vice president in all the states in the union, approved January 27, 1845, as is inconsistent with this act is hereby repealed; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that there should be but one general election, so called, held in each year in this state; therefore;

Resolved by the assembly and senate of the state of Wisconsin, That section four of article four of the constitution of this state be amended so as to read as follows: Section 4. The members of the assembly shall be chosen annually by single districts, on the second Tuesday of October, by the qualified electors of the several districts, such districts to be bounded by county, precinct, town or ward lines, to consist of contiguous territory, and be in as compact form as practicable.

Resolved, That section one of article thirteen of the constitution of this state be amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. The political year for the state of Wisconsin shall commence on the first day of January in each year, and the general election shall be holden on the second Tuesday of October of each year.

Approved March 16, 1870.

NUMBER 13.

JOINT RESOLUTION to amend article four of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That article four of the constitution be amended by adding thereto [two]