

# JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

## NUMBER 1.

JOINT RESOLUTION agreeing to an amendment to article four of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, The legislature of this state, at its annual session for the year 1870, proposed and adopted by a vote of a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, an amendment to the constitution of this state in the following language:

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That article four of the constitution be amended by adding thereto, two other sections which shall read as follows: Section 31. The legislature is prohibited from enacting any special or private laws in the following cases: 1st. For changing the name of persons or constituting one person the heir-at-law of another. 2d. For laying out, opening or altering highways, except in cases of state roads extending into more than one county, and military roads to aid in the construction of which lands may be granted by congress. 3d. For authorizing persons to keep ferries across streams at points wholly within this state. 4th. For authorizing the sale or mortgage of real or personal property of minors or others under disability. 5th. For locating or changing any county seat. 6th. For assessment or collection of taxes or for extending the time for collection thereof. 7th. For granting corporate powers or privileges except to cities. 8th. For authorizing the apportionment of any part of the school fund. 9th. For incorporating any town or village or to amend the charter thereof. Section 32. The legislature shall provide general laws for the transaction of any business that may be prohibited by section thirty-one of this article, and all such laws shall be uniform in their operation throughout the state; therefore,

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That the foregoing amendment to the constitution be, and the same hereby is agreed to by this legislature.

Approved March 17, 1871.

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## NUMBER 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION, to amend section 4 of article 7 of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin.

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That section four of article seven of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows: Section 4. The supreme court of this state with the jurisdiction and powers prescribed in this constitution shall consist of one chief justice and four associate justices, to be elected by the qualified electors of the state at such times and in such manner as the legislature may provide, and such court so constituted shall not be changed or discontinued by the legislature. The chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court now in office shall hold their offices for the remainder of the terms for which they were respectively elected, and until the election and qualification of the two additional associate justices herein provided for, shall constitute the supreme court of this state. This [the] legislature shall at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, provide by law for the election of the two additional associate justices hereby required and their successors, and for the election of the successors of the chief justice and associate justices now in office, and for classifying the two additional associate justices first elected, so that the term of office of one of them shall be four years and of the other six years. The term of office of the chief justice and of each associate justice of the supreme court elected after the adoption of this amendment, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be six years.

Approved March 20, 1871.