

“and their accounts shall be audited by the secretary of state,” when they occur in the last paragraph of the section, so that said section seven (7), when amended, shall read as follows: The fish interests of the state shall be entrusted to a board of five commissioners, of whom the governor shall be *ex officio* one member, and the remaining four commissioners shall be hereafter appointed by the governor, and shall hold their place for a term of four years, unless sooner removed, except that of the four first commissioners to be appointed under this act; the term of one shall expire April 1st, 1877; the term of another shall expire April 1st, 1878; of another shall expire April 1st, 1879; and the term of the fourth shall expire April 1st, 1880: *provided, however*, that the present commissioners shall continue to act until their successors are appointed as herein provided. The commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be repaid the expenses necessarily incurred by them while discharging their duties.

Board of fish  
commissioners.

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

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## CHAPTER 48.

AN ACT to submit to the people an amendment to article VII. of the constitution.

WHEREAS, The legislature of this state, at the annual session for the year 1876, 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:

Preamble.

“Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That section 4 of article VII. of the constitution be amended so as to read: Section four, The supreme court shall consist of one chief justice and four associate justices, to be elected by the qualified electors of the state. The legislature shall, at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, provide by law for the election of two associate justices of said court, to hold their offices respectively for terms ending two and four years respectively, after the end of the term

of the justice of the said court then last to expire. And thereafter the chief justices and associate justices of said court shall be elected and hold their offices respectively for the term of ten years; and,

**WHEREAS**, The foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of the state was duly ratified and agreed to by the legislature of 1877; therefore,

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Amendment to be submitted to people.

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of this state shall be submitted to the people at the general election to be held on Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of November, 1877; and if the people shall approve and ratify said amendment by a majority of the electors voting thereon, said amendment shall become a part of the constitution of this state.

Form of ballot.

**SECTION 2.** The form of the ballot in voting to approve and ratify said proposed amendment shall be "for amendment to the constitution." If against the same, "for amendment to the constitution, no," which shall be on the general ballot used at said election, and deposited in the same box. All persons qualified to vote at any election in this state, shall be deemed voters on this question.

How votes to be counted.

**SECTION 3.** The votes cast approving and ratifying, or disapproving said amendment, shall be counted and returned by the inspectors of the election in all respects as votes for state officers are counted and returned, and the officers now designated by law to canvass the returns of votes for state officers, shall canvass the returns on this question at the same time and place, and under the same regulations and restrictions now provided by law for canvassing and declaring the returns of elections for state officers.

Duty of canvassers.

**SECTION 4.** Within three days after the determination of said canvass, it shall be the duty of the canvassers to certify the result of said canvass to the governor, who shall thereupon, without delay, make proclamation of the result.

Duty of secretary of state.

**SECTION 5.** The secretary of state is hereby required to include the substance of this act in the notice of the general election for the year 1877.

**SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 24, 1877.