

tion of existing conditions and the causes for the great increase in mental defectives with instructions that said board report back to the next legislature the result of its investigations, together with their recommendations for checking the evils aforesaid.

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[No. 28. S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislature of the state of Wisconsin that the public welfare demands that United States senators should be elected by direct vote of the people, and

WHEREAS, The house of representatives of the congress of the United States has on four separate occasions passed by a two-thirds vote a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and

WHEREAS, The United States senate has refused to consider or vote upon said resolution, thereby denying to the people of the several states a chance to secure this imperatively needed change in the method of electing senators, and

WHEREAS, Such opportunity to amend the constitution of the United States may be obtained by united action of the legislatures of the several states under and pursuant to the provisions of article V of the constitution of the United States, calling for a convention to propose such amendment; now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the senate and assembly of the state of Wisconsin,* That, under the authority of article V of the constitution of the United States, application is hereby made to congress to forthwith call a constitutional convention for the purpose of submitting to the states for ratification, an amendment to the Federal constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people; and further

*Be it resolved,* That the legislatures of all other states of the United States now in session or when next convened, be and they are respectfully requested to join in this application by the adoption of this or an equivalent resolution, and be it further

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state be and he is hereby directed to transmit authenticated copies of this resolution and application to the President of the United States, to the senate and house of representatives of the United States, and to the several members of said bodies representing this state therein, and also to transmit copies hereof to the legislatures of all other states of the United States.

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[No. 19, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29.

WHEREAS, At the biennial session of the legislature for the year 1905 an amendment to the constitution of this state was proposed and agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment was in the following language: Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That section 1 of article 8 of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Taxes may also be imposed on incomes, privileges and occupations, which taxes may be graduated and progressive, and reasonable exemptions may be provided," so that when so amended said section shall read as follows: "Section 1. The rule of taxation shall be uniform and taxes shall be levied upon such property as the legislature shall prescribe. Taxes may also be imposed on incomes, privileges and occupations, which taxes may be graduated and progressive, and reasonable exemptions may be provided."

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