

and the reduction of fire losses, both within and without the state, so far as the same have a bearing upon the cost of such insurance to the citizens of this state or the fire losses therein. The mention of any particular lines of inquiry herein shall not limit in any measure the field of investigation which said committee is empowered to enter.

The said joint committee, by a majority of the members thereof, are hereby invested with plenary powers to perform and discharge the duties by this resolution enjoined, and in the exercise of such power, among other things, they may, by subpoena issued over the signature of the chairman or acting chairman of said committee, and served in the manner that circuit court subpoenas are served, summon and compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of all books, papers, documents and records necessary or convenient to be examined or used by them as evidence. They may also, either as a committee or through a proper person authorized by them, examine all books, papers, documents and records of insurance companies and insurers, or of corporations or persons dealing with such companies or insurers, and may do all other things which may to them appear necessary or convenient to make full examination and investigation as directed herein. Said committee shall have power to employ such counsel, stenographers, clerks and assistants, and to require such assistance and co-operation from the commissioner of insurance and his employes as they may find necessary.

The committee shall also have power, among other things, by any member thereof to administer to persons brought or appearing before them as witnesses all necessary oaths.

Such committee may moreover exercise all powers provided by law or this resolution at any time prior to December 1, 1912, whether during the session of the legislature or otherwise.

Said committee shall with all reasonable dispatch discharge the duty hereby imposed, and report to the governor, on or before December 1, 1912, all facts found and testimony taken by them, together with recommendations thereon.

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[No. 9, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41.

To amend Article XIII of the Constitution providing for the recall of public officers.

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That Article XIII of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto a new section to read:*

Section 12. The legislature shall provide for the removal by

recall from office, by the qualified electors of the electoral district in which any officer is elected, of every public officer in the state of Wisconsin holding an elective office, except judicial officers.

[No. 26, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42.

To amend section 3 of article XI of the Constitution, relating to municipal corporations and their indebtedness.

Whereas at the biennial session of the legislature for the year 1909, an amendment to the Constitution was proposed and agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment is as follows:

*“Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That section 3 of article XI of the Constitution be amended to read:*

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the legislature, and they are hereby empowered to provide for the organization of cities and incorporated villages, and to restrict their power of taxation, assessment, borrowing money, contracting debts, and loaning their credit, so as to prevent abuses in assessments and taxation, and in contracting debts by such municipal corporations. No county, city, town, village, school district, or other municipal corporation shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner or for any purpose to any amount, including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein, to be ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness. Any county, city, town, village, school district, or other municipal corporation incurring any indebtedness as aforesaid shall, before or at the time of doing so, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof within twenty years from the time of contracting the same: *except that when such indebtedness is incurred in the acquisition of lands by cities, or by counties having a population of 150,000 or over, for public, municipal purposes, or for the permanent improvement thereof, the city or county incurring the same shall, before or at the time of so doing, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof within a period not exceeding fifty years from the time of contracting the same:*” now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring. That the foregoing proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State*