CHAPTER XIV.

March 4, 1872

An Act proposing an amendment to Article four (4) of the Constitution of the State, by adding thereto a new section, to be the thirty-second Section, in relation to the Internal Improvement Lands and the proceeds thereof.

SECTION 1. Proposed amendment to the state constitution, by adding to article 4 a new section.
Section 32. The internal improvement lands to be sold, and funds therefrom to be invested in stocks and to be appropriated only on a vote of the people.
2. Manner of submitting the proposed amendment for approval or rejection. Form of ballot to be used.
3. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

New section to be added to article 4 of the constitution.

SECTION 1. The following amendment of the constitution of the state is hereby proposed for publication and approval or rejection by the people: that is to say, article four (4) of the constitution shall be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be the thirty-second section of said article, which new section shall read as follows:

Internal improvement lands to be sold in the same manner as school lands, and invested in stocks.

Sec. 32. All lands donated to the state of Minnesota for the purpose of internal improvement, under the eighth section of the act of congress, approved September fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-one, being "an act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant preemption rights," shall be appraised and sold, in the same manner and by the same officers, and the minimum price shall be the same as is provided by law for the appraisement and sale of the school lands, under the provisions of title one (1), of chapter thirty-eight (38), of the general statutes, except the modifications hereinafter mentioned. All moneys derived from the sales of the said lands shall be invested in the bonds of the United States, or of the state of Minnesota, issued since 1860, and the moneys so invested shall constitute the internal improvement land fund of the

state. All moneys received by the county treasurer under the provisions of title one (1), chapter thirty-eight aforesaid, derived from the sale of the internal improvement lands, shall be held at all times subject to the order and direction of the state treasurer, for the benefit of the fund to which it belongs, and on the fifteenth day of June in each year, and at such other times as he may be requested so to do by the state treasurer, he shall pay over to the said state treasurer, all moneys received on account of such fund.

The bonds purchased in accordance with this amendment shall be transferable only upon the order of the governor, and on each bond shall be written, "Minnesota internal improvement land fund of the state, transferable only on the order of the governor."

The principal sum from all sales of internal improvement lands, shall not be reduced by any charges or costs of officers, by fees, or by any other means whatever; and section fifty (50), of title one (1), of chapter thirty-eight (38), of the general statutes, shall not be applicable to the provisions of this amendment, and wherever the words "school lands," are used in said title, it shall read as applicable to this amendment, "internal improvement lands."

The future disposition of the fund to be voted upon by the people.

The moneys belonging to the internal improvement land fund shall not be appropriated for any purpose whatever until the enactment for that purpose shall have been approved by a majority of the electors of the state, voting at the annual general election following the passage of the act.

The force of this amendment shall be to authorize the sale of the internal improvement lands, without further legislative enactment.

When amendment to be submitted to the people.

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state for their approval or rejection at the next general election occurring after the passage of this act, and the qualified electors of the state, in their respective districts, may at such election vote by ballot, for or against such amendment and the returns thereof shall be made and certified within the time, and such vote shall be canvassed, and the result thereof declared, in the same manner provided by law with reference to the election of members of congress; and if it shall appear therefrom, that a majority of the electors present and voting for or against the proposed amendment to the constitution, as provided in the next section, have voted for the same, then the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution.

The ballots used at said election, by those voting in favor of such amendment, shall have written or printed, or partly

Form of ballot to be used.

written and partly printed, thereon, the following words: "Amendment to article four (4) of the constitution, in relation to keeping the internal improvement lands or the proceeds thereof in the hands of the people—yes," and by those voting against such amendment shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon, the following words: "Amendment to article four (4) of the constitution, in relation to keeping the internal improvement lands, or the proceeds thereof in the hands of the people—no."

When act to take effect.

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

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CHAPTER XV.

March 4, 1872.

An act to establish a State Board of Health.

SECTION 1. Organization of the State Board of Health and Vital Statistics.
2. Duties of the State Board of Health.
3. Relating to meetings and the officers of the board.
4. Duties of the secretary defined.
5. Salary of the secretary and expenses of the board.
6. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

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Governor to appoint board of health.

SECTION 1. The governor shall appoint seven physicians, one from the city of St. Paul, and the other six from different sections of the state, who shall constitute the State Board of Health and Vital Statistics. The physicians so appointed shall hold their offices for four years, and until their successors are appointed, and all vacancies in the board shall be filled by the Governor.

SEC. 2. The state board of health shall place themselves in communication with the local board[s] of health,