

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That the said proposed amendments to the constitution of the state of Iowa, be and the same are hereby agreed to, viz:—

AMENDMENT 1. The general election for state, district county and township officers shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.

AMENDMENT 2. At any regular session of the general assembly, the state may be divided into the necessary judicial districts for district court purposes, or the said districts may be reorganized and the number of the districts and the judges of said courts increased or diminished; but no reorganization of the districts or diminution of the judges shall have the effect of removing a judge from office.

AMENDMENT 3. The grand jury may consist of any number of members not less than five, nor more than fifteen, as the general assembly may by law provide, or the general assembly may provide for holding persons to answer for any criminal offense without the intervention of a grand jury.

AMENDMENT 4. That section 13 of article 5 of the constitution be stricken therefrom, and the following adopted as such section.

SECTION 13. The qualified electors of each county shall, at the general election in the year 1886, and every two years thereafter elect a county attorney, who shall be a resident of the county for which he is elected, and shall hold his office for two years, and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

Approved, March 29, 1884.

NUMBER 14.

DES MOINES RIVER LANDS.

JOINT RESOLUTION AND MEMORIAL, of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa Relating to the Des Moines River Lands.

WHEREAS, The settlers upon what is known as the lands granted to the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad Company believe that no action has ever been, relating to these lands in which the United States and the interest of the United States have been fairly properly and adequately represented in court; and

WHEREAS, The said settlers desire that the United States may be fairly and fully represented in the court; therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Iowa, the Senate concurring:

That our senators and representatives in congress be earnestly requested to exert themselves to secure the prompt passage of a bill which shall in

some way provide that the attorney-general of the United States shall immediately institute proceedings, or cause such proceedings to be commenced at once by action either in equity or at law as may be deemed best and appear in the name of the United States so as to remove all claims from the title of said lands and that in such action or actions to be instituted as aforesaid, any person or persons in the possession of or claiming title to any land or lands, under the United States involved in such action or actions may, at his or her expense unite with the United States in the prosecution of said action or actions for the purpose of forever settling the title or titles of the person or persons claiming said lands.

Approved, April 1, 1884.

NUMBER 15.

JURISDICTION OF U. S. CIRCUIT COURTS.

JOINT RESOLUTION AND MEMORIAL in Regard to Jurisdiction of United States Circuit Courts.

WHEREAS, By act of congress, approved September 24th 1789, the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States in suits between citizens of different states, was extended to cases in which the amount in controversy exceeded five hundred dollars; and,

WHEREAS, For almost one hundred years the amount thus fixed has remained unchanged, while the commercial and material interests of the country, and the business of the courts have increased many fold, and the reasons why so small an amount should determine such jurisdiction no longer exist; and,

WHEREAS, Corporations organized under the laws of other states, and doing business in the state of Iowa have systematically removed all cases possible to the United States courts, thus compelling the citizens of this state to pursue his remedy in the United States court, and in many cases amounting to a denial of justice, and causing great inconvenience, unreasonable delay and unnecessary expense; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That our senators and representatives in congress are hereby requested to use their influence to procure such a modification and change of existing law, so as to increase the amount determining the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States commensurate with the increase of commercial interests and business of the courts, and the demands of the people.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be directed to forward to the president of the senate of the United States, and the speaker of the house of representatives, a copy of the foregoing resolutions, with the request that the same be laid before each house of congress, and that a copy be sent to each senator and member of congress from this state.

Approved, April 3, 1884.