

JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, To authorize such direct election, an amendment to the constitution of the United States is necessary; and

WHEREAS, The failure of congress to submit such amendment to the states has made it clear that the only practicable method of securing a submission of such amendment to the states is through a constitutional convention, to be called by congress upon the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of all the states; therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the legislature of the state of Iowa hereby makes application to the congress of the United States, under article V of the constitution of the United States, to call a constitutional convention for proposing amendments to the constitution of the United States;

SEC. 2. That this resolution, duly authenticated, shall be delivered forthwith to the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives of the United States, with the request that the same shall be laid before the said senate and house.

Approved March 12, A. D. 1907.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa, additional to section eighteen (18) of article one (1) of said Constitution.

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

That there be added to section eighteen (18) of article one (1) of the constitution of the state of Iowa, the following:

“The general assembly, however, may pass laws permitting the owners of lands to construct drains, ditches, and levees for agricultural, sanitary or mining purposes across the lands of others, and provide for the organization of drainage districts, vest the proper authorities with power to construct and maintain levees, drains and ditches and to keep in repair all drains, ditches, and levees heretofore constructed under the laws of the state, by special assessments upon the property benefited thereby. The General Assembly may provide by law for the condemnation of such real estate as shall be necessary for the construction and maintenance of such drains, ditches and levees, and prescribe the method of making such condemnation.”

Be it further resolved:

That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Iowa, having been adopted by the Thirtieth (30th) and the Thirty-first (31st) General Assemblies, in manner and form, and by the majority required by the constitution of the state of Iowa, and the statutes thereof, shall be submitted for ratification or rejection, by the electors of the state of Iowa, at the general election for state officers to be held in November 1908.

Approved April 1, A. D. 1907.