PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A ROAD TAX.

H. J. R. No. 18.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Amending Section 9, of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 9a, increasing the amount of tax that may be voted for the purpose of improving public roads, and to allow counties or political subdivisions of counties by a majority vote of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county, or subdivision thereof, voting at all elections, to be held for that purpose, to adopt same.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Section 9a, which shall read as follows:

Section 9a. A majority of the property tax paying voters in any county or one or more political subdivisions thereof, in this State, voting at an election held for that purpose may vote a tax for road and bridge purposes not to exceed 30 cents on the $100 valuation of property subject to taxation in such county or political subdivision of such county, or may issue bonds not to exceed 20 per cent of the assessed value of the real property in such district, for such road and bridge purposes, provided that such tax, or proceeds of such bonds, shall be expended in the territory in which it is voted, and no other, and this provision of the Constitution shall be self-enacting without the necessity of further legislation.

SEC. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas at the next general election held in this State, or in case any previous election shall be had in the State for other purposes, then this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified tax paying voters. And the sum of $2000 or so much thereof as shall be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the treasury of the State of Texas for the purpose of submitting this proposition to a vote of the people of the State of Texas.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing act passed the House of Representatives by the following vote, yea 100, nay 0; passed the Senate with amendments by the following vote, yea 30, nay 6; the House of Representatives concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote, yea 100, nay 0.]