PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING ALL STATE, DISTRICT, COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICERS WITHIN THIS STATE SHALL BE COMPENSATED BY THE PAYMENT OF A FIXED SALARY.

H. J. R. No. 41.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

A Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new Section to be known as Section 58, providing for the tenure and compensation of public officials.

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

Section 1. That there be added to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas a new Section to be known as Section 58, which shall read as follows:

Section 58. All state, district, county and precinct officers within the State of Texas hereinafter be compensated by the payment of a salary to be fixed or provided for by the Legislature.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State will, as directed by the Constitution, make publication of this proposed amendment in the manner and for the time as required by the Constitution, the amendment to be voted upon by the qualified electors for members of the Legislature of this State at the general election to be held for State officers on July 19, 1913, the returns of which shall, as provided for in the Constitution, be made to the Secretary of State, the result ascertained and proclamation made as provided for in Section 1, Article 17 of the Constitution. There shall be written or printed on the ballots to be used at such election "for the adoption of Section 58, Article 16, as an amendment to the Constitution, providing a salary compensation for certain officers and fixing their term of office at four years"; and also "against the adoption of Section 58, Article 16, as an amendment to the Constitution for certain officers and fixing their term of office at four years"; and those favoring the adoption of said amendment shall erase the language "against the adoption of Section 58, Article 16, as an amendment to the Constitution, providing a salary compensation for certain officers and fixing their term of office at four years," by running a pencil or pen through the same, and those opposing the adoption of said amendment shall erase the language "for the adoption of Section 58, Article 16, as an amendment to the Constitution, providing a salary compensation for certain officers and fixing their term of office at four years," by running a pencil or pen through the same.
SEC. 3. The sum of five thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this Resolution.

[NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 41 was adopted by the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, and House concurred in Senate amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 103, nays 3; and was adopted by the Senate with amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas 28, nays 0.]

Approved April 1, 1913.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION PRESCRIBING QUALIFICATIONS FOR DISTRICT JUDGES OF THIS STATE AND PRESCRIBING THEIR TENURE OF OFFICE.

S. J. R. No. 11.] SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

A Joint Resolution amending Section 7, Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the creation and formation of judicial districts, the terms of compensation and qualification of the judges of the district courts, and the times of holding court.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 7, Article 5 be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 7. The State shall be divided into as many judicial districts as may now or hereafter be provided by law, which may be increased or diminished by law. For each district there shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof, at a general election, one or more judges, each of whom shall be a citizen of the United States and of this State, who shall have been a practicing lawyer of this State, or a judge of a court in this State for six years next preceding his election; who shall have resided in the district in which he was elected for two years next preceding his election; who shall reside in his district during his term of office; who shall hold his office for a period of four years, and shall receive for his services an annual salary of three thousand dollars, until otherwise changed by law. Court shall be held by a district judge at the county seat in each of the several counties at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed by law. The Legislature shall provide for the holding of the district court when the judge thereof is absent, disabled or disqualified from acting. The district judges who may be in office when this amendment takes effect shall hold their offices until their respective terms shall expire under their present election or appointment.

SEC. 2. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at an election to be held on the 19th day of July, 1913, at which election all voters favoring this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words “For the amendment of Section 7, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas relating to district judges and district courts,” and all voters opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, “Against the amendment of Section 7, Article 5, of the...