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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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Chapter 108.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School,

Reform School,

Resolved, That the sum of forty-five thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated for and in behalf of the state reform school for the years eighteen hundred and ninety-one and eighteen hundred and ninety-two for the following purposes: for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one for current expenses including mechanical school and new cottage, eighteen thousand dollars; for ordinary repairs, two thousand dollars; for furnishing new cottage, two thousand five hundred dollars; for steam heating and plumbing, two thousand five hundred dollars. For the year eighteen hundred ninety-two, for current expenses, including mechanical school and new cottage, eighteen thousand dollars; for ordinary repairs, two thousand dollars. And of the above named amount, twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary for the above named purposes, shall be payable in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one; and twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary for the above named purposes, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

Approved April 3, 1891.

Chapter 109.

Resolves providing for an Educational Qualification of Voters.

Constitution, amendment of. Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature concurring, that the constitution of this state be amended as follows:

'No person shall have the right to vote or be eligible to office under the constitution of this state, who shall not be able to read the constitution in the English language, and write his name; provided, however, that the provisions of this amendment shall not apply to any person prevented by a physical disability from complying with its requisitions, nor to any person who now has the right to vote, nor to any person who shall be sixty years of age or upwards at the time this amendment shall take effect.'

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns, and assessors of plantations in the state, are hereby empow-

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ered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, at the annual meeting in September, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolve; and the question shall be, "Shall the constitution be so amended so as to change the qualification of voters, as proposed in said resolve;" and the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations, shall vote by ballot on said question; those in favor of said amendment, voting "yes," and those opposed voting "no," upon their ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted and counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meeting, and fair lists of the votes shall be made out by the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns and assessors of plantations, and signed by them, and attested by the clerk, and returned to the office of the secretary of state, in the same manner as votes for representatives, and the governor and council shall open and examine and count the same, and make return thereof to the next legislature; and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast and returned on the question is in favor of said amendment, the constitution shall be amended accordingly, and the amendment shall then be a part of the constitution, and the governor shall make known the fact by his proclamation.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolves, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved April 3, 1891.

Chapter 110.

Resolve making an appropriation for furnishing certain rooms assigned to State Officers.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-seven hundred dollars and seventy-six cents be and is hereby appropriated to provide for furnishing certain rooms assigned to the state officers, to be expended as follows:

Furnishing rooms for state officers, in favor of.

For cases in adjutant general's office, eight hundred fifty dollars.

For case in pension agent's office, two hundred dollars.