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## CHAPTER 11

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## SUBCHAPTER I

## ACTS AND RESOLVES

Sec.

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**§ 301. Notice of approval of public acts**

When a public act is approved by the Governor, the Secretary of State shall give written notice thereof to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, describing it by its title, and the date of its approval, which shall be entered on the journal of each house.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 20.

**§ 302. Construction and effect of repealing acts**

The repeal of an act or resolve passed after the 4th day of March, 1870 does not revive any statute in force before the act or resolve took effect. The repeal of an act does not affect any punishment, penalty or forfeiture incurred before the repeal takes effect, or any action, or proceeding pending at the time of the repeal, for an offense committed or for recovery of a penalty or forfeiture incurred under the act repealed. Actions pending at the time of the passage or repeal of an act are not affected thereby.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 21; 1961, c. 417, § 6.

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**§ 351. Effective date**

Unless otherwise provided in the resolve submitting it, every constitutional amendment shall take effect and become part of the Constitution, on the first Wednesday of January following its adoption by the people.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 17.

**§ 352. Proclamation and publication**

Within 30 days after it appears that a constitutional amendment has been adopted, the Governor shall make proclamation thereof, and the Secretary of State shall forthwith cause such proclamation to be published in the state paper, and it shall be included in the next volume of acts and resolves.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 18.

**§ 353. Explanation of proposed amendments**

The Attorney General shall prepare a brief explanatory statement which shall fairly describe the intent and content of each constitutional resolve or state-wide referendum that may be presented to the people. He shall cause to have published this explanatory statement in each daily newspaper of the State, such statement to be published not more than 45 days and not less than 30 days prior to the voting and publish such statement in each daily newspaper of the State a 2nd time, not more than 10 and not less than 7 days prior to the voting. Such explanatory statement may be published in the English language in a foreign language newspaper.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 19; 1957, c. 318, § 2.