

PROPOSAL TO HOLD A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1898

Proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly, April 16, 1896. Not submitted to the electors of the state because the Supreme Court decided it was defective in construction.⁵⁵

RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, two-thirds of the members elected to each branch concurring, that it is necessary to call a convention to revise, amend or change the Constitution of this state, and we recommend to the electors to vote at the next election for members of the general assembly, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A.D. 1897, for or against such a convention, to be convened in the year 1898. The deputy state supervisors of election are authorized to have printed on all official ballots under each party emblem the words "Constitutional convention - Yes," and the words "Constitutional convention - No." When the words above are printed upon the official ballot, the choice of the elector in the affirmative may be expressed by a cross mark in the circular space above the name of the party, in the manner of voting a straight ticket, and all tickets having a cross mark in such space shall be counted in the affirmative, or such affirmative vote may be expressed by a cross mark opposite the line containing the word "Yes;" and the choice of an elector in the negative may be expressed by a cross mark opposite the line con-

⁵⁵ *Ohio State Reports*, vol. lvi, 721. - Ed.

taining the word "No." If in any county the deputy supervisors decide not to print the words above on the official ballot, the vote shall be by separate ballot, and deposited in a separate ballot box, as is provided in section 18 in the election laws. And the state supervisors of elections are hereby authorized to do such acts as are necessary to provide for the submission and determination of the questions as aforesaid. Said convention shall not sit more than ninety days; and the pay of the members elected to the same shall not exceed five (\$5) dollars per day each.⁵⁶

⁵⁶ *Laws of Ohio*, vol. xcii, 787. — ED.