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House Bill No. 202

(By Mr. Smith, of Whish)

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AN ACT to provide for the submission to the voters of the state of an amendment to the constitution of the state of West Virginia, as follows: Amending section two, article ten.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

Section 1. That the question of the ratification or rejection 2 of an amendment to the constitution of West Virginia, pro3 posed in accordance with the provisions of section two, article
4 fourteen of said constitution, shall be submitted to the voters
5 of the state at the next general election, to be held in the year
6 one thousand nine hundred thirty-four, which proposed amend7 ment is as follows:

Sec. 2. The legislature shall levy an annual capitation tax
2 of one dollar upon each inhabitant of the state who has attained
3 the age of twenty-one years, which shall be annually appro-

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4 priated to the support of free schools, and payment of such

5 capitation tax and the presentation of a receipt therefor may

6 be made a qualification for voting in all elections in such man-

7 ner and form as the legislature may by law direct.

Persons afflicted with bodily infirmity may be exempted

9 from this tax.

10 In the event of any inconsistency between any of the pro-

11 visions of this section and any of the other provisions of the

12 constitution, the provisions of this section shall prevail.

Sec. 3. For convenience in referring to the said proposed

2 amendment and in the preparation of the form of the ballot

3 hereinafter provided for, said proposed amendment is hereby

4 designated as follows: To be known as the "capitation amend-

5 ment."

Sec. 4. For the purpose of enabling the voters of the state

2 to vote on the question of said proposed amendment to the

3 constitution at the general election to be held in the year one

4 thousand nine hundred thirty-four, the board of ballot com-

5 missioners of each county is hereby required to place upon,

6 and at the foot of, the official ballots to be voted at said elec-

7 tion, the following:

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8 Ballot on constitutional "capitation amendment," amend-

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9 ing section two, article ten.

10 For ratification of "capitation amendment."

11 Against ratification of "capitation amendment."

12 The election on the proposed amendment, at each place of

13 voting, shall be superintended, conducted and returned, and
14 the result thereof ascertained by the same officers and in the

15 same manner as the election of officers to be voted for at said

16 election; and all of the provisions of law relating to general

17 elections, including all duties to be performed by any officer or

18 board, as far as applicable and not inconsistent with anything

19 herein contained, shall apply to the election held under the pro-

20 visions of this act, except when it is herein otherwise provided.

21 The ballots cast on the question of said proposed amendment

22 shall be counted as other ballots cast at said election.

Sec. 5. As soon as the result is ascertained the commis-

2 sioners, or a majority of them, and the canvassers (if there be

3 any), or a majority of them, at each place of voting, shall make

4 out and sign two certificates thereof in the following form or to

5 the following effect:

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"We, the undersigned who acted as commissioners (or 7 canvassers, as the case may be), of the election held at pre-8 cinct number, in the district of....., 9 in the county of, on the day of 10 November, one thousand nine hundred thirty-four, upon the 11 question of the ratification or rejection of the proposed consti-12 tutional amendment to section two, article ten, do hereby certi-13 fy that the result of said election is as follows: Amending section two of article ten:

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15 For ratification of "capitation amendment".....votes.

16 Against ratification of "capitation amendment".....votes.

17 Given under our hands this day of November, one thou-

18 sand nine hundred thirty-four."

19 The said two certificates shall correspond with each other in

20 all respects, and contain the full and true returns of said elec-

21 tion at each place of voting on said question. The said com-

22 missioners, or any one of them (or said canvassers, or any one

23 of them, as the case may be), shall within four days, excluding

24 Sunday, after that on which said election was held, deliver

25 one of said certificates to the clerk of the county court of his

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37 or to the following effect:

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26 county, together with the ballots, and the other to the clerk 27 of the circuit court of the county.

The said certificates, together with the ballots cast on 29 the question of said proposed amendment, shall be laid before 30 the commissioners of the county court at the courthouse at the 31 same time the ballots, poll books and the certificates of the 32 election for the members of the legislature are laid before them; 33 and as soon as the result of said election in the county upon the 34 question of such ratification or rejection is ascertained, two 35 certificates of such result shall be made out and signed by said 36 commissioners, as a board of canvassers, in the following form

38 "We, the board of canvassers of the county of.....,

39 having carefully and impartially examined the returns of the

40 election held in said county, in each district thereof, on the....

41 day of November, one thousand nine hundred thirty-four, do

42 certify that the result of the election in said county, on the

43 question of the ratification or rejection of the proposed consti-

44 tutional amendment to section two, article ten, is as follows:

45 For ratification of "capitation amendment", votes.

46 Against ratification of "capitation amendment".....votes.

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47 Given under our hands this..... day of

48 one thousand nine hundred thirty-four."

One of the certificates shall be filed in the office of the clerk

50 of the county court, and the other forwarded by mail to the

51 secretary of state, who shall file and preserve the same until

52 the day on which the result of said election in the state is to be

53 ascertained, as hereinafter stated.

Sec. 6. On the twenty-fifth day after the election is held,

2 or as soon thereafter as practicable, the said certificates shall

3 be laid before the governor, whose duty it shall be to ascertain

4 therefrom the result of said election in the state, and declare the

5 same by proclamation published in one or more newspapers

6 printed at the seat of government. If a majority of the votes

7 cast at said election upon said question be for the ratification

8 of the said amendment, the proposed amendment so ratified

9 shall be of force and effect from and after the time of such

10 ratification as part of the constitution of the state.

Sec. 7. The governor shall cause the said proposed amend-

2 ment, with the proper designation for the same as hereinbe-

3 fore adopted, to be published one time, at least three months

4 before such election, in some newspaper in every county in this

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5 state in which a newspaper is printed, at a price to be agreed

6 upon in advance in writing, and the cost of such advertising

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7 shall in the first instance, if found necessary by him, be paid

8 out of the governor's contingent fund and be afterwards re-

9 paid to such fund by appropriation of the legislature.

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Clerk of the Senate.

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filed in the office of the of West Virginia. Wm. S. O'BRIEN, Secretary of State