



Constitutional Amendments.

On the 7th day of August, the people of North Carolina will be called on to vote on the Constitutional Amendments...

These amendments are eight in number, and are to be submitted separately for ratification or rejection.

FIRST: IN RELATION TO THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Article 1 of the present constitution, provides:

Sec. 6. To maintain the honor and good faith of the State unimpaired, the public debt, regularly contracted before and since the rebellion, shall be regarded as inviolable and never be questioned...

Which is amended by striking out all down to the word "but," so that the article will then be:

Sec. 6. The State shall never assume or pay, or authorize the collection of, any debt or obligation, express or implied, incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States...

In the same amendment another alteration is provided for by striking out Section 4, Article 5:

Sec. 4. The General Assembly shall, by appropriate legislation and by adequate taxation, provide for the prompt and regular payment of the interest on the public debt...

By the striking out of this section entire, it is not made compulsory on the Legislature to provide for the principal and interest of the public debt.

SECOND: IN RELATION TO THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Sec. 1 of Art. 3 of the Constitution provides for a Superintendent of Public Works, to be elected as are the members of the General Assembly...

It is proposed by this amendment to strike out the words "Superintendent of Public Works" wherever they occur...

THIRD: IN RELATION TO THE STATE CENSUS.

Sec. 5, Art. 2 of the Constitution provides: "Sec. 5. An enumeration of the inhabitants of the State shall be taken under the direction of the General Assembly..."

Sec. 3. The same Commissioners shall also report to the General Assembly as soon as practicable, a code of law of North Carolina. The Governor shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in this commission.

The amendment proposes to strike out both these sections, thereby abolishing the code commission.

EIGHTH: IN RELATION TO FEDERAL AND OTHER OFFICE HOLDERS.

The present Constitution, sec. 7, Art. 14, provides: "Sec. 7. No person shall hold more than one lucrative office under the State at the same time: Provided, That officers in the militia, justices of the peace, commissioners of public charities and commissioners appointed for special purposes, shall not be considered officers within the meaning of this section."

The amendment proposes that this section shall read as follows:

"Sec. 7. No person who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit under the United States, or any department thereof, or under this State or any other State or government, shall hold or exercise any other office or place of trust or profit, under the authority of this State, or be eligible to a seat in either House of the General Assembly: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall extend to officers in the militia, justices of the peace, commissioners of public charities or commissioners for special purposes."

FOURTH: IN RELATION TO EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

Sec. 6, Art. 5 of the Constitution provides:

"Sec. 6. Property belonging to the State or to municipal corporations, shall be exempt from taxation. The General Assembly may exempt cemeteries, and property held for educational, scientific, literary, charitable or religious purposes; also wearing apparel, arms for muster, household and kitchen furniture, the mechanical and agricultural implements for mechanics and farmers, libraries and scientific instruments, to a value not exceeding three hundred dollars."

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FOURTH: IN RELATION TO THE UNIVERSITY.

Sec. 5, article 9 of the Constitution reads:

"Sec. 5. The University of North Carolina, with its lands, emoluments and franchises, is under the control of the State, and shall be held to an inseparable connection with the free public school system of the State."

It is proposed to strike out this entire section and insert the following:

"Sec. 5. The General Assembly shall have power to provide for the election of trustees of the University of North Carolina, in whom when chosen shall be vested all the privileges, rights, franchises and endowments heretofore in anywise granted to or conferred upon the trustees of said University; and the General Assembly may make such provisions, laws and regulations, from time to time as may be necessary and expedient for the maintenance and management of said University."

This article is proposed to be further amended by striking out sections 13, 14 and 15, which relate to the appointment of trustees by the Board of Education and the powers and duties of the same, which matters would, were the amendment adopted, devolve on the General Assembly.

SIXTH: IN RELATION TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The present Constitution, Article 11, Legislative Department, provides as follows:

"Sec. 2. The Senate and House of Representatives shall meet annually on the third Monday in November, and when assembled shall be denominated the General Assembly."

It is proposed to amend this section by striking out the word "annually" and insert the word "biennially," making it to read thus:

"Sec. 2. The Senate and House of Representatives shall meet biennially on the third Monday in November, and when assembled shall be denominated the General Assembly."

This amendment also strikes out the word "annually" in section 6, article 3, and inserts the word "biennially," in reference to the requirement of the Governor to communicate to the General Assembly each case of reprieve, commutation or pardon.

SEVENTH: IN RELATION TO THE CODE COMMISSION.

Sec. 2 and 3, article 4, Judicial Department provides: "Sec. 2. Three Commissioners shall be appointed by this Convention to report to the General Assembly at its first session after this Constitution shall be adopted by the people, rules of practice and procedure in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing section, and the Convention shall provide for the Commissioners a reasonable compensation."

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING BATHING IN THE RIVER.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington, as follows: ORDINANCE. That every person who shall bathe in the river in the day time, at any point between Market and Wright street, shall forfeit and pay ten (\$10) dollars for each and every offense.

All ordinances or parts thereof, conflicting with the above, are hereby repealed. Passed June 22, 1873. Attest, T. C. SERVVOSS, City Clerk.

MARSHAL'S OFFICE, CITY OF WILMINGTON, N. C. July 17th, 1873.

The above Ordinance will be strictly enforced by order of the Mayor. GEO. W. PRICE, JR., City Marshal. July 17-31-17, 19, 23. Journal and Star copy.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

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The above Ordinance will be strictly enforced by order of the Mayor. GEO. W. PRICE, JR., City Marshal. July 17-31-17, 19, 23. Journal and Star copy.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

THIS is to give notice that on the 24th day of June, 1873, a warrant of bankruptcy was issued out of the district court of the United States for the Cape Fear district of North Carolina, against the estate of John Best, of Warsaw, in the county of Duplin, in said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition: that the payment of any debts or the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt to him or for his use and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law, and that a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate will be held at a court of bankruptcy to be held at Fayetteville, N. C. before William A. Guthrie, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy for said district, on the 4th day of August, A. D. 1873, at 10 o'clock, a. m. ROBERT M. DOUGLASS, U. S. M. and Messenger. July 17-21

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