

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

Although the General Assembly has not been in session a week we are able to give our readers an outline of the bill that with some modifications and amendment that will probably be submitted to the people of the State for ratification at the polls, eliminating in a large degree the negro vote, and while this is true, no white man will be deprived of the right of suffrage. The bill is divided into ten sections, and was introduced into the House by Mr. Winston, of Bertie.

Sections 1 and 2 requires the voter to be 21 years of age, and a bona fide resident of the State for two years, of the county one year and of the precinct in which he proposes to vote six months. But no person who has been convicted or confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment of the following crimes: bribery, burglary in any degree, larceny receiving stolen goods, arson, perjury, rape, sale of cotton in prohibited hours, and etc or any crime whereof the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, shall be permitted to vote unless restored to citizenship as provided by law, and it shall not be necessary that any punishment has been imposed to bring persons within the prohibition of this section.

Then again. Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write intelligently, and he shall demonstrate his ability to do so when he applies for registration by making under oath, administered to him by the officer having in charge such registration, or by his deputy, both of whom are hereby authorized to administer such oath, written application therefor upon a blank to be furnished by such officer.

The said application shall contain the necessary information to show that he is entitled to register and vote, and shall be entirely written, dated and signed by him, in the presence of the registration officer or his deputy, without assistance or suggestion from any person or memorandum whatever, except the form of application herein set forth.

Section 6. Provides that if the applicant be not able to read and write as above provided, then he shall be entitled to register and vote if he shall at the time he registers the actual and bona fide owner of property assessed to him in the State at a value of not less than three hundred dollars, and he has been a resident of the county for one year and of the precinct in which he proposes to vote six months.

Sec. 7. No male person, who was on January 1, 1897, or at any date prior thereto, entitled to vote under the Constitution or statutes of any State in the United States wherein he has resided, or who prior to that time was a regularly enlisted soldier in the army of the United States, and no person, son or grandson of any such person

of the adoption of this Constitution; and no male person who was naturalized prior to the first day of January, 1900, shall be denied the right to register and vote in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational or property qualification prescribed by the Constitution; provided he shall have resided in this State for five (5) years next preceding the date at which he shall apply for registration, and shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this Article prior to September 1, 1900; and no person shall be entitled to register under this section after said date.

Sec. 8. Provides for the payment of poll tax of all persons under the age of 60 years; and provides that no such person shall be permitted to vote unless such payment is made on or before the 31st day of December of each year for the two (2) years preceding the year in which he offers to vote. All between the ages of 21 and 60 not herein exempted come within this provision.

It is also required by this section that the poll tax receipt for said time shall be exhibited to the election officer in official form, or duplicate in event of loss, or proof of payment of such poll tax shall be produced by the affidavit of the party to whom it was paid.

Sec. 10. Defines who shall be eligible to office. Also provides for the submission of this Amendment to the Constitution to the voters of the State for ratification—"on the Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1900." The election is to be conducted and held under the same rules and regulations as are provided in the law regulating elections in this State and in force May 1, 1899—that is to say, under the new election law to be passed by the present General Assembly.

Whether this bill will pass as above we can not tell, but of one thing we may be assured, some measure of like character will be submitted to the people.

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Having this day qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort county as administrator of the estate of Israel Blacklege, deceased, all persons who hold claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same for payment to the undersigned within one year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This Dec. 23rd, 1898. JOSHUA TAYLOR, Administrator of ISRAEL BLACKLEGE.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified this day as administrator of the estate of Dr. J. D. McCormick, deceased, before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort county, all persons holding claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same for payment to the undersigned within one year from date of this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment. This 15th day of November 1898. T. NICHOLSON, Administrator of J. D. McCormick.

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