FRIDAY, JULT 27, 1969.

As Changed at the Last Ses-

sion of the Legislature.

THE QUESTION ON WHICH THE

PEOPLE WILL VOTE AT THE

COMING ELECTION.

The General Assembly of North Caro-

Section L That chapter 218, public

laws of 1899, entitled "An Act to amend

the Constitution of North Carolina."

be amended so as to make said act

"That article 6 of the constitution of

North Carolina, be, and the same is

hereby abrogated, and in lieu thereof

shall be substituted the following ar-

ticle of said constitution as an entire

ARTICLE VI.

Suffrage and Eligibility to Office.

the United States, and every male per-

son who has been naturalized, twenty-

one years of age, and possessing the

qualifications set out in this article,

shall be entitled to vote at any election

by the people in the state, except as

Sec. 2. He shall have resided in tia

State of North Carolina for two years.

in the county six months, and in the

precinct, ward or other election district

in which he offers to vote, four months

next preceding the election; Provided.

that removal from one precinct, ward or other election district to another in

the same county, shall not operate to

deprive any person of the right to vo:in the precinct, ward or other election

district from which he has removed

until four months after such removai.

No person who has been convicted, or

who has confessed his guilt in open

court, upon indictment of any crime,

the punishment of which now is, or

may hereafter be, imprisonment in the State's prison, shall be permitted to

vote unless the said person shall be

first restored to citizenship in the

Sec. 3. Every person offering to vote

shall be at the time a legally registered

voter as herein prescribed and in the

manner hereafter provided by law, and

the General Assembly of North Caro-

lina shall enact general registration

laws to carry into effect the provisions

Sec. 4. Every person presenting him-

self for registration shall be able to

read and write any section of the con-

stitution in the English language; and,

before he shall be entitled to vote, he

shall have paid on or before the first

day of May, of the year in which he

proposes to vote, his poll tax for the

previous year as prescribed by article

5, section 1, of the constitution. But

no male person who was, on January

1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto,

entitled to vote under the laws of any

State in the United States wherein he

then resided, and no lineal descendant

manner prescribed by law.

of this article.

herein otherwise provided.

Sec. 1. Every male person born in

and indivisible plan of suffrage."

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of any such person shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this state by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification herein prescribed: Provided, he shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this section prior to December 1, 1906. The general assembly shall provide

for the registration of all persons entitled to vote without the educational qualifications herein prescribed, and shall on or before November 1 1908. provide for the making of a permanent record of such registration, and all persons so registered, shall forever thereafter have the right to vote in all elections by the people in this state, unless disqualified under section 2 of this article: Provided, such person shall have paid his poll tax as above required.

Sec. 5. That this amendment to the constitution is presented and adopted as one indivisible plan for the regulation of the suffrage, with the intent and purpose to so connect the different parts, and to make them so dependent upon each other, that the whole shall stand or fall together.

Sec. 6. All elections by the people shall be by baffot, and all elections by the general assembly shall be viva voce.

Sec. 7. Every voter in North Carolina. except as in this article disqualified. shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I,____, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will support and maintain the constitution and laws of the United tates and the constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as , so help me God."

Sec. 8. The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First, all persons who shall deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted, or confessed their guilt on indictment pending, and whether sentenced or not, or under judgment suspended, of any treason or felony,or of any other crime for which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, or of corruption or malpractice in office; unless such person shall be restored to the rights of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 9. That this amendment to the constitution shall go into effect on the first day of July, 1992, if a majority of OI All the votes cast at the next general election shall be cast in favor of this suf- KINGS frage amendment.

Sec. II. This amendment to the con-

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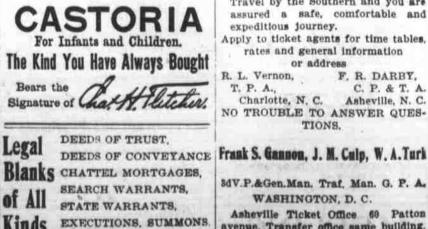
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stitution shall be submitted at the Southern next general election to the qualified voters of the state in the same manner and under the same rules and repulations as is provided in the law reaulating general elections in this state and at said election those persons desiring to vote for such amendmen. shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words "For Suffrage Amendment' thereon; and those with THE STANDARD RAILWAY OF a contrary opinion shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words 'Abainst Suffrage Amendment" therevill.

Sec. III. The votes cast at said electi a shah be counted, compared, returned and canvassed, and the result announced and declared under the same rules and regulations and in the same marner as the vote for governor and if a majority of the votes cast a:e in favor of the said amendment it shall be the duty of the governor of the state, upon being notified of the result of said election, to certify said amendment, under the seal of the state, to the secretary of state, who shall enroll the said amendment so certified among the permanent records of his office

Sec. IV. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.



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