BIENNIAL SPRING ELECTION AND ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given, that the next ensuing Biennial Spring Election and Annual Township Election will be held at Precinct No. 1, Bond School House, 13-Mile and Orchard Lake roads; Precinct No. 2, I. O. O. F. Hall, 8-Mile and Grand River avenue, within said Township on

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1931
A. D. 1931

For the purpose of voting for the election of the following officers, viz:

STATE: Two Justice of the Supreme Court; two Regents of the University of Michigan; Superintendent of Public Instruction; Member of the State Board of Education; two Members of the State Board of Agriculture.

COUNTY: One County Commissioner of Schools.

TOWNSHIP: A Supervisor; a Township Clerk; a Township Treasurer; a Justice of the Peace, full term; a Commissioner of Highways; not to exceed four Constables; a Member of the Board of Review; and there may be an Overseer of Highways for each Highway District.

PROPOSITIONS: Also for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition, viz:

Shall the Township Board be authorized to purchase and house fire extinguishing apparatus and equipment and an appropriation of Four ($4,000.00) Dollars be made therefor,

Yes ( )
No. ( )

There will be submitted at said election, two proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Michigan, and one Referendum Proposition, as follows:

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution Relative to Authorizing the state to improve or aid in the improvement of landing fields.

Amendment to Section 14 of Article X of the Constitution, authorizing the state to improve or aid in the improvement of landing fields.

Section 14. The state shall not be a party to, nor be interested in any work of internal improvement, nor engage in carrying on any such work, except in the improvement of, or aiding in the improvement of the public wagon roads, landing fields, in the reforestation and protection of lands owned by the state and in the expenditure of grants to the state of land or other property.

Shall section fourteen of article ten of the state constitution be amended to authorize the state to improve or aid in the improvement of landing fields?

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution Relative to Authorizing the state to borrow money and issue bonds therefor for the purpose of paying or refunding outstanding bonded indebtedness.

Amendment to Article X of the Constitution relative to authorizing the state to borrow money and issue bonds therefor for the purpose of paying or refunding outstanding bonded indebtedness.

Section 21. The state may from time to time borrow money and issue bonds therefor on such terms as shall be provided by law for the purpose of paying or refunding any outstanding bonded indebtedness of the state.

Shall article ten of the state constitution be amended by adding a section to be designated as section twenty-one so as to authorize the state to borrow money for the purpose of paying or refunding outstanding bonded indebtedness and to issue bonds therefor?

Referendum on Act Number 2 (Senate Enrolled Act Number 2) of the Public Acts of 1931, Defining the Crime of Murder in the First Degree, and providing that the penalty therefor shall be death by electrocution.

An act to define the crime of murder in the first degree; to prescribe the penalty therefor; to provide for an appointment and procedure thereon; to prescribe the necessary regulations to be observed in executing the penalty imposed; to provide for a referundum thereof; and to repeal section one of Chapter one hundred fifty-three of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred forty-six, being section sixteen thousand seven hundred eight of the Compiled Laws of nineteen hundred twenty-nine.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. All murder which shall be perpetrated by means of poison, lying in wait, or any other kind of wilful, deliberate and premediated killing, or which shall be committed in the perpetration, or attempt to perpetrate any arson, rape, robbery, burglary, or kidnapping for ransom,

or which shall be committed in escaping or attempting to escape from any penal institution of this state, or while being transported to or from such institution, shall be deemed murder in the first degree, and shall be punished by death: Provided, That no person under the age of seventeen years, at the time of the commission of the crime, shall be sentenced to death, but in case of conviction of such person of murder in the first degree, he shall be imprisoned in the State's prison at hard labor for the remainder of his life.

Section 2. If the accused shall plead guilty to an information charging murder in the first degree, the court shall proceed to take sufficient evidence and determine therefrom the degree of the crime which the accused has committed and shall pass sentence accordingly. The court shall also at the same time take evidence of the manner of arrest and as to whether the accused has been placed under duress or fear.

Section 3. Punishment by death shall be inflicted by electrocution. The electrocution shall take place within the walls of the Michigan State Prison at Jackson. Such electrocution shall be by the warden of the Michigan State Prison or by some person deputized by him. It shall be the duty of the warden and the prison commission of the State of Michigan to provide the necessary room and appliances to carry out the execution of sentences to death by electrocution as provided in this act.

Section 4. Whenever any person shall have been brought before the court on a charge of murder in the first degree and shall be found to be financially unable to procure counsel the court shall, before requiring the accused to plead to the information, appoint a competent attorney to represent said accused person at the arraignment, hearing, trial and in the appeal. The attorney so appointed shall be entitled to receive from the county treasurer on the certificate of the judge that such services have been duly rendered, such an amount as the judge shall, in his discretion, deem reasonable compensation for the services performed. All necessary costs and expenses of the hearing, trial and appeal in such cases shall be paid by the county upon the certificate of the judge.

Section 5. In all cases where judgment of conviction of murder in the first degree, either upon a plea of guilty or after trial, has been entered, the complete record of all proceedings, evidence and charge of the court in such cause shall be submitted to the supreme court for review upon the law and the facts, under such procedure as the supreme court shall designate. The supreme court shall, upon the record so submitted, affirm the conviction or reverse the conviction, and grant a new trial.

Section 5-a. Whenever any person shall be convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death, the judge of the court in which such conviction was had and such sentence was pronounced shall forthwith issue his warrant under the seal of the court, reciting the conviction and sentence and that said conviction is pending in the supreme court under the provisions of section five of this act, directed to the sheriff of said county; commanding him to transport the person therein named to the Michigan State Prison at Jackson and there deliver such convicted person and the aforesaid warrant into the custody of the warden of said prison and shall take from the said warden his receipt for such convicted person, which receipt the said sheriff shall return to the office of the clerk of the court where the conviction was had and such sentence was pronounced, together with their return thereon, which receipt and return shall be filed in the office of said clerk and become a part of the records thereof.

Section 6. Whenever any person shall be convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death and his conviction has been affirmed, a judge of the court in which such conviction was had and such sentence was pronounced, shall, after the expiration of two weeks from the date of said affirmance, issue his warrant under the seal of the court, reciting the conviction and sentence and affirmance thereof the person therein named, and directed to the warden of the Michigan State Prison, commanding him to proceed at the time and place named in said sentence, which time shall not be less than sixty or more than ninety days from the date thereof, to execute the sentence of death by electrocution, as provided in this act.

Section 7. Immediately upon the issuance of such warrant, the clerk of the court shall, by registered mail, forward the aforesaid warrant to the warden of said prison, who shall upon receipt of said warrant, make return to the clerk of the county where the judgment of death was rendered,

showing receipt of said warrant by said warden, which return shall be filed in the office of said clerk and become a part of the records thereof.

Section 8. Upon the receipt of such condemned person by the warden of the Michigan State Prison, said condemned person shall be confined therein until the time for his execution arrives or until reversal of the conviction by the supreme court, and while so confined all persons except the necessary prison officials and attendants shall be denied access to him, except his physicians who may be admitted to see him when, in the judgment of the warden, medical attendance may be necessary for the physical well-being of the said condemned person, and with the further exception that lawyers, relatives, friends and spiritual advisors of the condemned person may be admitted to see and converse with him at all proper times and under such reasonable regulations as may be prescribed by the board of control and warden of the prison.

Section 9. The following persons may be present at the execution of said condemned person and none other: The warden and such persons as may be necessary to assist him in conducting the execution; members of the board of control of said prison; two physicians, including the prison physician; the spiritual adviser of the condemned; the chaplain of the prison; not to exceed ten members of the press to be selected by the warden; and such of the relatives and friends of the condemned person, not exceeding ten in number, as he may request to be admitted, in the discretion of the warden.

Section 10. If the condemned person shall escape after sentence and before his delivery to the warden as herein provided, and be not re-arrested and returned before the time fixed in section five-a for his transportation to the State Prison, then any person may arrest him and return him to the jail of the county in which he was convicted and sentenced and thereupon a judge of the court of such county having jurisdiction, on notice of said arrest and return being given by the sheriff, shall again fix a time for the execution of said sentence as provided in section six hereof and shall forthwith issue a warrant of commitment and direct the transportation of the said condemned person to the Michigan State Prison at Jackson as hereinbefore provided.

Section 11. If the condemned person shall escape after his delivery to the custody of the warden of the Michigan State Prison and be not retaken and returned before the time appointed for his execution, any person may arrest and return him to the Michigan State Prison, whereupon the warden shall certify the fact of his escape and recapture to the court in which he was convicted and sentenced, and a judge of said court shall again fix a time for the execution of said condemned person as provided in section six hereof and thereupon the clerk of said court shall forthwith certify the fixing of said time for such execution to the warden as hereinbefore provided, who shall proceed at the time so fixed to execute the condemned person as hereinbefore provided.

Section 12. When the execution of sentence as herein provided is suspended, stayed or respited to a subsequent time, the fact of said suspension, stay or respite shall be noted on the warrant and on the arrival of the time to which execution of said sentence was suspended, stayed or respited the warden shall proceed with the execution of such sentence as herein provided. In the event of the pardon of the condemned person or the commutation of his sentence by the Governor, no execution shall be had. In all cases, when the sentence to death has been executed, the warden shall return the warrant of commitment herein required to the clerk of the county in which said said conviction was had and sentence was pronounced with a full statement of all his acts and doings thereunder endorsed thereon, which said warrant and return shall be filed by said clerk and become and remain a part of the records of said court and cause. In the event that any condemned person shall die, be pardoned, or his sentence commuted before the time fixed for his execution, the warden shall make report of that fact on the warrant of commitment as herein provided. Such report of death shall be accompanied by a death certificate signed by two physicians, including the prison physician.

Section 13. If a woman who has been sentenced to death as herein provided appears to be pregnant, and the physician of the prison shall certify in writing to the warden that in his opinion such woman is pregnant, the warden shall forthwith give notice of such fact to the judge of the court in which the conviction and sentence was had and made and also shall deliver a copy of such

certificate of such physician to the said judge. Such judge shall thereupon appoint a time at which an inquiry into the fact of such alleged pregnancy shall be made at said prison, and shall forthwith summon three disinterested legally qualified physicians of the State of Michigan to make examination and inquiry concerning the facts of said alleged pregnancy. Notice thereof shall be given to the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the judgment or conviction was rendered stating the time and place of such inquiry. The report of said physician shall be in writing and under oath, and shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the court in which said judgment of conviction was rendered, and a duly certified copy thereof, under the seal of the court, shall be forthwith transmitted to the warden of the Michigan State Prison, and the fees and expenses of said physicians and expenses of the prosecuting attorney shall, when approved by the circuit judge pronouncing such sentence, be paid from the general fund of the county in which the condemned person was convicted.

Section 14. If it appears by the report of said physicians that such woman is pregnant, a judge of the court in which such conviction was had and such sentence pronounced shall suspend the execution of the said sentence and shall transmit a copy of the report of said physicians and his order of suspension duly certified by the clerk, under the seal of the court, to the Governor and the warden of the Michigan State Prison. After said woman is delivered of child, or after the Governor from a report of three disinterested legally qualified physicians of the State of Michigan becomes satisfied that she is no longer pregnant, he shall forthwith issue a warrant appointing a time for her execution, and such execution shall take place at the time and in the manner provided by this act.

Section 15. Immediately after the execution, the body of the convict shall be examined by two physicians to be designated by the warden, one of whom shall be the prison physician, and said physicians shall make and execute a death certificate under their hand, which shall be attached to the return of the execution by the warden as provided in section twelve of this act.

Section 16. Section one of Chapter one hundred fifty-three of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred forty-six being section sixteen thousand seven hundred eight of the Compiled Laws of nineteen hundred twenty-nine, is hereby repealed; Provided, however, That all proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred, at the time this act takes effect, are hereby saved, and such proceedings may be consummated under and according to the law in force at the time such proceedings are or were commenced. It is the legislative intent that this act shall not be construed to alter, affect or abate any pending prosecution, or prevent prosecution hereafter instituted under said section sixteen thousand seven hundred eight, Compiled Laws of nineteen hundred twenty-nine, for offenses committed prior to the effective date of this act; and all prosecutions pending at the effective date of this act, and all prosecutions instituted after the effective date of this act for offenses committed prior to the effective date of this act may be instituted under and in accordance with the provisions of said section sixteen thousand seven hundred eight of the Compiled Laws of nineteen hundred twenty-nine.

Section 17. The provisions of act number one hundred and seventy-five of the Public Acts of nineteen hundred twenty-seven, being sections seventeen thousand one hundred sixteen to seventeen thousand five hundred twelve, inclusive, of the Compiled Laws of nineteen hundred twenty-nine, insofar as the same are consistent with the provisions of this act, shall govern causes involving first degree murder.

Section 18. This act shall be known as and may be cited as "The Capital Punishment Act."

Section 19. At the next April election to be held in this state, there shall be submitted to the electors thereof the question of the adoption of this act. All votes on the question shall be taken, counted and canvassed in the same manner as votes cast for the submission of proposed amendments to the State Constitution are taken; counted and canvassed. The vote upon the proposition of adopting this act shall be by ballot which shall be in substantially the following form:

"Vote upon adopting Public Act No. 2, passed by the Legislature at the regular session of nineteen hundred thirty-one, known as "The Capital Punishment Act."

A Proposition to Adopt a Provision in the Election Law Providing for the Election of Delegates to County Conventions.

(319) Section 1. When question submitted. The Board of Supervisors of any county in the state, upon petition of one per centum of the qualified voters thereof, shall, or, upon their own motion, may submit the question of whether said county shall come under the provisions of this chapter and if adopted by a majority vote of the qualified voters participating in said election then the provisions of this chapter shall be in force and effect and the nomination of all candidates of all political parties for delegates to county conventions shall be conducted as herein provided.

(320) Sec. 2. County Conventions, When Held. Election of Chairman. The county conventions of each political party shall be held at such time and place as the county committee of each political party, through its chairman, shall designate: Provided, That county conventions, at which delegates to a state convention are to be selected, shall be held at only such times as shall be designated by the state central committee of such political party. They shall be called to order by the chairman of the county committee of each political party. He shall act as temporary chairman until the delegates shall elect a permanent chairman. A permanent chairman shall be elected before any other business is transacted, and such election shall be conducted as follows: The county chairman shall cause to be read the list of elected delegates for such convention furnished to him by the county clerk, as provided in section six of this chapter, and, as the name of each delegate is called, the delegate shall state his choice for permanent chairman. The person receiving a majority of the votes of the elected delegates present shall become permanent chairman. Said convention may fill any vacancy occurring in any delegation to a county convention by a majority vote of the delegates present: Provided, That no vacancy shall be filled by any person not a qualified registered elector residing in the precinct in which said vacancy occurs. Said convention shall prescribe the rules and regulations for the conduct of its affairs.

(321) Sec. 3. Delegates, How Apportioned. Each election precinct in said county shall be entitled to one delegate to the fall county convention of each political party to be elected at the September primary election immediately preceding the holding of said fall county conventions; and each election precinct in said county shall be entitled to one delegate to the spring county convention of each political party to be elected at the general November election immediately preceding the holding of said spring county conventions.

(322) Sec. 4. Who May Be Candidate. Petition, Where Filed. Form. Any person holding a public office in this state or municipal subdivision thereof may become a candidate for delegate to said county conventions, notwithstanding any provision of the laws of this state to the contrary. All candidates for the office of delegate to the county conventions of each political party shall be qualified registered electors residing within the election precinct for which they desire to become a candidate, and shall file a petition with the county clerk of said county at least thirty days prior to the time they are to be elected, bearing the signatures of not less than twenty-five registered electors residing within the precinct for which petitioner desires to become a candidate. Said petition shall be in the form required by the general laws of the state governing the filing of nominating petitions by candidates for other county offices at primary elections, and a addition thereto, shall state said candidate's place of residence.

(323) Sec. 5. Ballots, Who to Prepare. It shall be the duty of the board of county election commissioners to prepare separate ballots for each of the several political parties for each election precinct in the county. The ballots shall be numbered consecutively and shall set forth the names of the delegates who have regularly filed petitions with the county clerk in the manner herein set forth and in addition therset forth and, in addition thereto, be prepared in such manner that the voters of each political party may write, print or paste the name of a candidate thereon. Such ballots shall be delivered to the county clerk for distribution to the election precincts at least ten days prior to the holding of said election.

(324) Sec. 6. Canvass of Vote, etc. Such ballots shall be voted and canvassed in the same manner as ballots bearing the names of the candidates for other county offices. The returns shall be made direct to the county clerk who shall immediately noti-

fy the successful candidates by registered mail at the address given in their nominating petitions. The county clerk shall at the same time furnish the chairman of the county committee of each political party with the names and addresses of the delegates elected to the county conventions of his political party.
□ YES
□ NO

INSTRUCTION:—To vote for the Proposition on this ballot make a cross (x) in the square (□) at the right of the word "YES." To vote against the Proposition on this ballot ake a cross (x) in the square (□) at the right of the word "NO."
BURTON P. DAUGHERTY,
Clerk of said County of Oakland
Dated Feb. 28, A. D. 1931

Relative to Opening and Closing of the Polls

Public Acts 1929—No. 306—
Chapter VIII

Section 1. On the day of any election the polls shall be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continued open until six o'clock in the afternoon and no longer: PROVIDED, That in townships the board of inspectors of election may, in its discretion, adjourn the polls at twelve o'clock noon, for one hour, and that the township board in townships and the legislative body in cities and villages may, by resolution, provide that the polls shall be opened at six o'clock in the forenoon and may also provide that the polls shall be kept open not later than eight o'clock in the evening of the same day. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote.

THE POLLS of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a. m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p. m. Central Standard Time, of said day of election, unless the Board of Election Inspectors shall, in their discretion, adjourn the polls at 12 o'clock, noon, for one hour.

Where Eastern Standard Time is adopted such time shall govern all elections.

WILLARD CAMPBELL,
Clerk of said Township.
Dated Feb. 28, A. D., 1931.
Mar. 19-26, Apr. 2

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Commissioners of the City of Farmington, held March 27, 1931.

Called to order by Mayor Lamb at 7:44 p. m. Commissioners present, Hatton, Stamman, Gildemeister, Otis and Goers.

Moved by Hatton, seconded by Gildemeister that the candidates for the City offices to be voted on at the Biennial City Election to be held April 6, 1931 be as follows. Carried.

Mayor, Arthur Lamb.
Commissioners, Carl H. Hogle, Fred Stamman, Charles H. Ely, Delos Hamlin, Bernard C. Banfield, Howard Osmus.
Clerk, Nathan H. Power.
Treasurer, Hinman G. Nichols, Bertha Westfall.
Assessor, James L. Hogle, W. Allen Nelson.
Board of Review, Joseph A. Karle, Harrison Johnson.
Justice of the Peace, John J. Schulte, John H. Thayer.
Constables, Marl F. Pettibone, Thomas Armstrong, Fred H. Schaupeter.

Motion made by Hatton, seconded by Stamman, that the next regular meeting of the Commission be held Thursday, April 9. Carried.

Motion made by Stamman, seconded by Gildemeister that the following persons serve on the election board at the City election to be held April 6, 1931. Carried.
R. J. Auten, Eugene Brown, E. O. Hatton, Carl Goers, Fred Maas, Anna Brown.

Adjourned 9:30 p. m.
N. H. POWER, City Clerk.

Furnishing Class Has Regular Meeting

The Home Furnishings class met at the home of Mrs. J. Devereaux Tuesday for an all day meeting. Luncheon was served at noon. Seventeen members were present. The committee in charge of the luncheon included Mrs. Harry Stoflet, Mrs. George Bentley, Mrs. J. Devereaux, Mrs. E. V. Mercer and Mrs. Ed. Beckman.

Among the many other fallacies that persist is the idea that parsnips are fit for human food.

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