

LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS
OF THE
STATE OF MONTANA
PASSED AT THE
TWELFTH REGULAR
SESSION
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Held at Helena, the Seat of Government of said State, commencing
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I, A. N. YODER, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that the printed laws resolutions and memorials contained herein, are true and correct copies of all the enrolled laws, resolutions and memorials that were passed at the Eleventh Regular Session of the Legislative Assembly of said State, commencing January 2nd, 1911, and held at Helena, the seat of government of said State.

(SEAL) IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of said State. Done at the City of Helena the seat of government of said state, this eleventh day of April, A. D. 1911.

A. N. YODER,
Secretary of State.

and advantage of the State of Montana, and its people, and to the best interests of the nation at large, that the Crow Reservation should be speedily opened for settlement and all Indian rights adjusted:

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved, the House of Representatives concurring, that we, the Twelfth Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana, do hereby petition the Congress of the United States for the passage of necessary legislation to, at as early a date as practicable, open for settlement the lands embraced within the Crow Reservation situated in the southeastern portion of the State of Montana.

RESOLVED, FURTHER; that a copy of this memorial be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, and our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with the request that they use every effort within their power to bring about speedy action for the accomplishment of the ends and purposes herein indicated.

Approved January 23, 1911.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Joint Resolution Relative to Election of United States Senators by Popular Vote.

WHEREAS, a large number of State Legislatures have, at various times, adopted memorials and resolutions in favor of electing United Senators by the direct vote of the people of the respective States, and

WHEREAS, a large number of State Legislatures have created Senatorial Direct Election Commissions, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. That the Legislature of the State of Montana, in accordance with the provisions of Act V of the Constitution of the United States, desires to join with the other States of the Union, and respectfully request that a convention of the several states be called for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States, and hereby apply to and request the Congress of the United States to call such convention and to provide for the submitting to the several states the amendments so proposed for ratification by the legislatures thereof, or by conventions therein, as one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress.

Section 2. That at the said convention, the State of Montana, will propose, among other amendments, that Section 3 of Article I, of the Constitution of the United States should be amended, so that the Senators from each state shall be chosen by the electors thereof, as the Governor is now chosen.

Section 3. A Legislative Commission is hereby created to be composed of the Governor and four members to be appointed by him, not more than two of whom shall belong to the same political party, to be known as the Senatorial Direct Election Commission of the State of Montana. It shall be the duty of the said Legislative Commission to urge action by the Legislatures of the several states, and by the Congress of the United States, to the end that a convention may be called, as provided in Section 1 hereof. That the members of said commission shall receive no compensation.

Section 4. That the Governor of the State of Montana is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this Joint Resolution and Application to both Houses of the United States Congress, to the Governor of each State in the Union, to the Honorable Representatives and Senators in Congress from Montana, who are hereby requested and urged to aid, by their influence and vote to the end that the United States Senators shall be elected by Popular vote.

Approved February 2, 1911.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled:

WHEREAS: The settlers under the Lower Yellowstone Project, Montana, North Dakota, executed and delivered to the Lower Yellowstone Water Users Association, a Corporation, a Contract subscribing for stock in said corporation, which empowered such corporation under the directions of the Secretary of the Interior, to sell their homesteads unless the owners make application for water rights, and comply with the provisions of the Act of Congress, of June 17th, 1902, and that such contracts were executed with the understanding that the cost of the Project to them should not exceed \$30.00 per acre of their holdings; and

WHEREAS: The cost of construction of said Project has exceeded the original estimated cost \$750,000, increasing the