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EVENING SESSION—2½ o'clock.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present.

Question pending on adjournment—viz., Mr. Chambers' amendment to section 2, lines 13 and 14, article —, "Suffrage," with the substitute offered by Mr. Sansom—again taken up.

Mr. Reagan offered the following as a substitute for both propositions, viz:

Amend section 2 by striking out of lines 13 and 14 the words "all poll taxes" and inserting "the last poll taxes." And amend section 3 by striking out of lines 24 and 25 the words "all taxes" and inserting "the last taxes."

[Mr. Brown in the chair.]

On motion of Mr. McKinney, of Walker, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

HALL OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, October 7, 1875. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present; prayer by Rev. Mr. Groety, of Austin.

On motion of Mr. Martin, of Navarro, Mr. McCormick was excused from attendance on the Convention for two days.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Abner was excused from attendance on the Convention for one week from to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cook, of Gonzales, Mr. Haynes was excused from attendance on the Convention until Tuesday next.

Mr. McKinney, of Walker, at his request, was excused from attendance on the Convention for three days, commencing to-morrow.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Russell, of Wood, offered the following amendment to the rules:

Amend the last clause of rule 11 by striking out "fifteen minutes" and inserting "five minutes."

Unfinished business again taken up, viz: "Article —, Suffrage," with pending amendments.

Mr. Wade offered the following amendment:

Add to section 2 the following:

"*Provided*, said tax shall never exceed two dollars per annum; and shall be applied exclusively to school purposes."

[Mr. Darnell in the chair.]

Mr. Sansom withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Moore offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "vote," in line 13, down to and including the word "election," in line 14, and insert therefor the following:

"And who; in addition thereto, shall, three months before said election, have paid all poll taxes due by him to the State and county six months immediately preceding; *provided*, however, that no receipt therefor shall be required as a precedent to vote."

Lost.

Mr. Flanagan moved to lay Mr. Reagan's amendment on the table.

Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathy, Arnim, Abner, Brown, Blake, Ballinger, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cline, Cooley, Cardis, Douglas, DeMorse, Darnell, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Ford, Flournoy, Ferris, Flanagan, German, Henry of Limestone, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Lockett, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, Morris, Mills, Mitchell, McKinney of Denton, McKinney of Walker, Norvell, Pauli, Ramey, Reynolds, Rentfro, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Sansom, Whitehead, Weaver, West—52.

NAYS—Allison, Crawford, Dillard, Dohoney, Erhard, Fleming, Gaither, Graves, Holt, Henry of Smith, Holmes, King, Kilgore, Killough, Lacy, Lynch, Moore, Murphy, Nugent, Reagan, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Smith, Stockdale, Stayton, Wade, Whitfield, Waelder—28.

Upon calling the roll, Mr. Ross stated that he had paired off with Mr. McCormick, Mr. Ross voting yea and Mr. McCormick nay.

Mr. Waelder offered the following amendment:

Insert in line 13 the word "vote," then following, "and who in addition thereto shall have paid all State and county taxes assessed against him for the year preceding said election."

A motion to lay the amendment on the table was carried by the following vote:

(Mr. Ross again paired off with Mr. McCormick, Mr. Ross voting yea and Mr. McCormick nay.)

YEAS—Allison, Abernathy, Arnim, Abner, Brown, Blake,

Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cooley, Cardis, Douglas, DeMorse, Dohoney, Darnell, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Ford, Flournoy, Ferris, German, Gaither, Henry of Limestone, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Lockett, Lacy, Lynch, McLean, Martin of Hunt, Mills, Mitchell, McKinney of Denton, McKinney of Walker, Moore, Norvell, Ramey, Reynolds, Rentfro, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Sansom, Whitehead, Weaver, West—52.

NAYS—Ballinger, Crawford, Cline, Dillard, Erhard, Fleming, Flanagan, Graves, Holt, Henry of Smith, Holmes, King, Kilgore, Killough, Martin of Navarro, Morris, Murphy, Nugent, Pauli, Reagan, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Smith, Stockdale, Stayton, Wade, Whitfield, Waelder—28.

Mr. Dohoney offered the following:

Amend section 2, line 14, by striking out the words "before said election," and insert the words "which have accrued since the adoption of the present constitution."

Also in line 21, strike out the words "before said election," and insert "which have accrued since the adoption of the present constitution."

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Collin, laid on the table.

Mr. Kilgore moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Lost.

Mr. Flanagan moved the previous question.

The President ruled that the previous question was the en-rossment of the article.

Mr. Flanagan then withdrew his motion for the previous question.

Mr. Norvell offered the following as a substitute for section 2:

"Section 2. Every male person subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have resided in this State for one year next preceding an election, and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; and every male person of foreign birth subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who, six months before an election, shall have declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States in accordance with the Federal naturalization laws, who shall have resided in this State one year next preceding such election, and the last six months in the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall also be deemed a qualified elector. Should any qualified elector happen to be in

any other county than that of his residence, situated in the district in which he resides at the time of an election, he shall be permitted to vote for district officers; *provided*, that the qualified electors shall be permitted to vote anywhere in the State for State officers.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Allison, Abernathy, Arnim, Abner, Brown, Blake, Ballinger, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Crawford, Chambers, Cooke of San Saba, Cooley, Cardis, Douglas, Dillard, DeMorse, Darnell, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Erhard, Ford, Flournoy, Ferris, Flanagan, German, Gaither, Graves, Holt, Henry of Limestone, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Lockett, Lacy, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, Morris, Mills, Mitchell, McKinney of Denton, McKinney of Walker, Moore, Norvell, Pauli, Ramey, Reynolds, Rentfro, Ross, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Smith, Sansom, Whitehead, Weaver, West—61.

NAYS—Cook of Gonzales, Cline, Dohoney, Fleming, Henry of Smith, Holmes, King, Kilgore, Killough, Lynch, Murphy, Nugent, Reagan, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Stockdale, Stayton, Wade, Whitfield, Waelder—20.

On motion of Mr. West, the Convention adjourned until 2½ o'clock.

EVENING SESSION—2½ o'clock.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present.

The question pending on adjournment, viz: Mr. Whitfield's amendment, taken up:

Amend section 2, line 16, by striking out "six months" and inserting the words "who at any time."

Mr. Cook, of Gonzales, offered the following as an amendment to the pending amendment:

"The Legislature may, nevertheless, pass laws requiring every voter, before voting at any election, to produce to the officers of the election satisfactory evidence of his having paid all such poll taxes as may be due by him, for such time before such election as may be prescribed by law, and prescribe the rules of evidence of such payment."

Mr. Whitfield's amendment adopted.

Mr. Russell, of Wood, moved to lay Mr. Cook's (of Gonzales) amendment on the table.

The yeas and nays being called, the amendment was laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathy, Arnim, Abner, Blake, Ballinger, Blasingame, Barnett, Brady, Bruce, Chambers, Cooke of San Saba, Cooley, Cardis, DeMorse, Darnell, Davis of Wharton, Flournoy, Ferris, Flanagan, German, Graves, Henry of Limestone, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Killough, Lockett, Lacy, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, Mitchell, McKinney of Denton, McKinney of Walker, Norvell, Pauli, Ramey, Reynolds, Rentfro, Ross, Russell of Wood, Scott, Sessions, Sansom, Whitehead, Weaver—44.

NAYS—Allison, Burleson, Crawford, Cook of Gonzales, Douglas, Dillard, Dohoney, Erhard, Fleming, Gaither, Henry of Smith, Holmes, Kilgore, Lynch, Morris, Moore, Murphy, Nunn, Nugent, Reagan, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Smith, Stockdale, Stayton, Wade, Whitfield, Waelder—28.

Mr. Kilgore offered the following amendment:

Strike out the word "Federal" in line 18, section 2.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Allison, Abernathy, Crawford, Dillard, DeMorse, Ford, Fleming, Kilgore, Killough, Lynch, Murphy, Reagan, Robertson of Bell, Ross, Scott, Stockdale, Whitfield—17.

NAYS—Arnim, Abner, Blake, Blasingame, Barnett, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cooley, Douglas, Dohoney, Darnell, Davis of Wharton, Flournoy, Ferris, Flanagan, German, Gaither, Graves, Holt, Henry of Smith, Henry of Limestone, Holmes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Lockett, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, Morris, Mills, Mitchell, McKinney of Denton, Moore, Norvell, Nunn, Nugent, Pauli, Ramey, Reynolds, Rentfro, Robeson of Fayette, Russell of Wood, Sessions, Smith, Stayton, Sansom, Wade, Whitehead, West, Waelder—55.

Mr. Stockdale proposed to amend as follows:

Amend by striking out all that refers to voting out of the county of the residence of the voter.

Lost.

Mr. Crawford offered the following amendment to section 1:

Amend section 1 by adding: "All persons between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years, who shall have failed to pay a poll-tax of two dollars, which shall have been levied and assessed for educational purposes in a manner prescribed by law, for six months and within two years next before the election at which he offers to vote."

Mr. Martin, of Navarro, moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathy, Arnim, Abner, Blake, Ballinger, Blasingame, Barnett, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cline, Cooley, Cardis, Douglas, DeMorse, Darnell, Davis of Wharton, Flournoy, Flanagan, German, Gaither, Graves, Holt, Henry of Smith, Henry of Limestone, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Lockett, Lacy, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, Morris, Mills, Mitchell, McKinney of Denton, Norvell, Pauli, Reagan, Ramey, Reynolds, Rentfro, Ross, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Smith, Sansom, Wade, Whitehead, Weaver, West—56.

NAYS—Allison, Crawford, Dillard, Dohoney, Erhard, Fleming, Ferris, Holmes, King, Kilgore, Killough, Lynch, Moore, Murphy, Nunn, Nugent, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Stockdale, Stayton, Whitfield, Waelder—22.

Mr. Crawford offered the following amendment:

Amend section 1, line 4, sub-division 4, by striking out all after the word "bribery," and insert "perjury, forgery, arson, rape, or robbery."

Adopted.

Mr. Abernathy offered the following amendment:

Amend section 3, in line 24, by striking out all after the word "city," in line 24, to the word "shall," in line 26.

Mr. Flournoy offered the following as a substitute for section 3:

"Every qualified elector in this State, who shall have resided for twelve months next preceding any election at which he may offer to vote, in any incorporated town or city, shall be entitled to vote at elections held in such incorporated town or city."

The question on the adoption of the substitute being submitted, the yeas and nays were called, and the substitute adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Arnim, Abner, Brown, Blake, Blasingame, Barnett, Brady, Bruce, Crawford, Chambers, Cooley, Cardis, Dillard, Darnell, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Ford, Flournoy, Ferris, Flanagan, Graves, Henry of Smith, Henry of Limestone, Holmes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Kilgore, Lockett, Lacy, Lynch, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, Mills, Mitchell, McKinney of Denton, McKinney of Walker, Norvell, Pauli, Ramey, Reynolds, Rentfro, Russell of Wood, Scott, Sessions, Whitehead, Weaver—46.

NAYS—Allison, Abernathy, Ballinger, Burleson, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cline, Douglas, DeMorse, Dohoney, Erhard, Fleming, Gaither, Holt, King, McLean, Morris, Moore, Murphy, Nunn, Nugent, Reagan, Robertson of Bell,

Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Spikes, Smith, Stockdale, Stayton, Sansom, Wade, Whitfield, West, Waelder—34.

Mr. Crawford offered the following amendment:

Amend section 2, line 12, by adding after the word "county" the words "city or town," and in line 19, by adding after the word "county" the words "city or town," and strike out all of section 3.

Mr. West offered the following substitute for Mr. Crawford's amendment:

"*Provided*, That in elections for the creation of debt for the improvement of such town or city, or for other purposes, tax-payers only shall vote."

Mr. DeMorse offered the following substitute for the amendment and substitute:

"*Provided*, that in elections for the creation of debt for the improvement of such town or city, or for other purpose, freeholders and householders and tax-payers on property only shall vote."

Lost, and Mr. West's and Mr. Crawford's amendments lost

Mr. Moore offered the following amendment:

Strike out in line 3, section 1, "all inmates of State asylums."
Adopted.

Mr. Ballinger offered the following amendment:

Section 3, add: "*Provided* that all elections by which any tax shall be imposed, or debt incurred, shall be confined to electors who are assessed for a tax imposed on property, or for a license in said city."

Mr. Waelder offered the following substitute for the last amendment:

Add to section 3: "*Provided* that in elections for the creation of debt for the improvement of such town or city, or for other purposes, such electors only as pay a tax upon city property, or a license tax upon some regular business, shall vote."

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Allison, Abernathy, Blake, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Douglas, Davis of Brazos, Erhard, Ford, Fleming, Gaither, Holt, Henry of Limestone, Holmes, Killough, Lacy, McLean, Murphy, Nugent, Reagan, Stockdale, Sansom, Wade, Whitfield, West, Waelder—26.

NAYS—Arnim, Abner, Brown, Ballinger, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Crawford, Chambers, Cline, Dillard, DeMorse, Darnell, Flournoy, Ferris, Flanagan, German, Graves, Henry of Smith, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Kilgore, Lockett, Lynch, Martin of Navarro, Martin of

Hunt, Morris, Mills, Mitchell, McKinney of Walker, Moore, Norvell, Nunn, Pauli, Ramey, Reynolds, Rentfro, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Smith, Stayton, Whitehead, Weaver—50.

The question then recurring upon the adoption of Mr. Ballinger's amendment, Mr Flanagan moved to lay it upon the table.

Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Allison, Abernathy, Arnim, Abner, Brown, Blake, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Brady, Bruce, Crawford, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cooley, Cardis, Dillard, Darnell, Davis of Brazos, Davis of Wharton, Ford, Ferris, Flanagan, Graves, Henry of Smith, Henry of Limestone, Holmes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Kilgore, Killough, Lockett, Lacy, Lynch, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, Mills, Mitchell, McKinney of Denton, Norvell, Pauli, Ramey, Reynolds, Rentfro, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Russell of Wood, Scott, Sessions, Smith, Wade, Whitehead, Weaver—54.

NAYS—Ballinger, Cooke of San Saba, Cline, DeMorse, Dohoney, Erhard, Flournoy, Fleming, German, Gauther, Holt, King, McLean, Morris, McKinney of Walker, Moore, Murphy, Nunn, Nugent, Reagan, Spikes, Stockdale, Stayton, Sansom, Whitfield, West, Waelder—27.

On motion of Mr. Cardis, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

HALL OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, October 8, 1875. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present; prayer by the Rev. Mr. J. S. Groety, of Austin

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Sansom presented the memorial of the citizens of Lampasas county, relative to the sale of liquor.

Referred to the Committee on General Provisions.

Mr. Blassingame submitted the memorial of the citizens of Denison, asking that Justices of the Peace in Denison be empowered to issue writs of sequestration and attachment.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr Reagan submitted the following report: