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THE AMENDMENT.

The following is the amendment to article 6 of the State constitution, adopted by the General Assembly at 1899, and to be submitted to the voters for ratification next August:

Section 1. That article 6 of the constitution of North Carolina be and the same is hereby amended in and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following article of said constitution:

Section 2. He shall have resided in the 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 vote in the precinct, ward or other election district from which he has removed, until four months after such removal.

No person who has been convicted, or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment of any crime the punishment of which is, or may hereafter be, imprisonment in the State prison, shall be permitted to vote, unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 3. Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereinafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

Sec. 4. Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the constitution in the English language; and, before he shall be entitled to vote, have paid on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote, his poll tax as prescribed by law, for the previous year. Poll taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property, and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

Sec. 5. 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 female descendant of 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 qualifications prescribed in section 4 of this article; Provided, he shall have been registered in accordance with the terms of this section prior to December 1, 1908. The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons who register under this section on or before November 1, 1908, and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote at all elections by the people in this State, unless disqualified under section 2 of this article; Provided, such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law.

Sec. 6. All elections by the people shall be by ballot, 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 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 States, and the constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as ———."

Sec. 8. The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office:

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the being of Almighty God,
 second, all persons who shall have
 been convicted or confessed the
 guilt on indictment pending,
 whether sentenced or not, and
 judgment suspended, of any treat-
 felony, or any other crime
 which the punishment may be
 imprisonment in the penitenti-
 ary becoming citizens of the
 United States, or corruption a-
 malpractice in office, unless such
 person shall be restored to the
 rights of citizenship in a manner
 prescribed by law.

Sec. 9. This act shall be in force
 from and after its ratification.

