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**AND DIGESTS OF MEASURES**

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Measures Submitted to Vote of Electors,  
Special Statewide Election,  
November 6, 1973

General Laws, Amendments to the Codes, Resolutions,  
and Constitutional Amendments passed by the  
California Legislature

**1973-74 Regular Session**  
**and**  
**1973 First Extraordinary Session**



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## EFFECTIVE DATES

The 1973-1974 Regular Session convened on January 8, 1973. Statutes enacted, other than those taking immediate effect, will become effective January 1, 1974.

The effective date of a joint or concurrent resolution is the date it is filed with the Secretary of State.

An initiative statute or referendum or a constitutional amendment proposed by the Legislature and adopted by the people takes effect the day after the election unless the measure provides otherwise.

*Statutes Which Take Effect Immediately.* An urgency statute, and a statute calling an election, providing for a tax levy, or making an appropriation for the usual current expenses of the state may take effect immediately. Such a statute becomes *effective* on the date it is filed with the Secretary of State.

*Operative Date.* The provisions of a statute normally become operative on the date it takes effect. However, any statute may, by its own terms, delay the *operation* of its provisions until the happening of some contingency or until a specified time. Also, a later statute or a general provision in a particular code may delay the operation of a statute to a time after its effective date.

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The 1973 First Extraordinary Session convened and adjourned on December 4, 1973. No legislation was enacted which affected any code or law.



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**CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE  
OF CALIFORNIA**

1879

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA\*

AS AMENDED AND IN FORCE NOVEMBER 8, 1972

## PREAMBLE

We, the People of the State of California, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure and perpetuate its blessings, do establish this Constitution.

## ARTICLE I

### DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

#### *[Inalienable Rights]*

SECTION 1. All people are by nature free and independent, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy. *[As amended November 7, 1972.]*

#### *[Purpose of Government]*

SEC. 2. All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for the protection, security and benefit of the people, and they have the right to alter or reform the same whenever the public good may require it.

SEC. 3. *[Repealed November 7, 1972.]*

#### *[Liberty of Conscience]*

SEC. 4. The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, shall forever be guaranteed in this State; and no person shall be rendered incompetent to be a witness or juror on account of his opinions on matters of religious belief; but the liberty of conscience hereby secured shall not be so construed as to excuse acts of licentiousness, or justify practices inconsistent with the peace or safety of this State.

#### *[Suspension of Habeas Corpus]*

SEC. 5. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless when, in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require its suspension.

\* Adopted by the people on May 7, 1879. For effective date, see Art XXII, Sec 12, as adopted. Certain spelling and capitalization variances reflect State Printer's style in effect at time of adoption of amendments.

*[Bail—Unusual Punishment—Detention of Witnesses]*

SEC. 6. All persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capital offenses when the proof is evident or the presumption great. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed; nor shall cruel or unusual punishments be inflicted. Witnesses shall not be unreasonably detained, nor confined in any room where criminals are actually imprisoned.

*[Trial by Jury]*

SEC. 7. The right of trial by jury shall be secured to all, and remain inviolate; but in civil actions three-fourths of the jury may render a verdict. A trial by jury may be waived in all criminal cases, by the consent of both parties, expressed in open court by the defendant and his counsel, and in civil actions by the consent of the parties, signified in such manner as may be prescribed by law. In civil actions and cases of misdemeanor, the jury may consist of twelve, or of any number less than twelve upon which the parties may agree in open court. *[As amended November 6, 1928.]*

*[Pleading Guilty Before Magistrate—Prosecutions]*

SEC. 8. Offenses heretofore required to be prosecuted by indictment shall be prosecuted by information, after examination and commitment by a magistrate, or by indictment, with or without such examination and commitment, as may be prescribed by law. When a defendant is charged with the commission of a felony, by a written complaint subscribed under oath and on file in a court within the county in which the felony is triable, he shall, without unnecessary delay, be taken before a magistrate of such court. The magistrate shall immediately deliver to him a copy of the complaint, inform him of his right to the aid of counsel, ask him if he desires the aid of counsel, and allow him a reasonable time to send for counsel; and the magistrate must, upon the request of the defendant, require a peace-officer to take a message to any counsel whom the defendant may name, in the city or township in which the court is situated. If the felony charged is not punishable with death, the magistrate shall immediately upon the appearance of counsel for the defendant read the complaint to the defendant and ask him whether he pleads guilty or not guilty to the offense charged therein; thereupon, or at any time thereafter while the charge remains pending before the magistrate and when his counsel is present, the defendant may, with the consent of the magistrate and the district attorney or other counsel for the people, plead guilty to the offense charged or to any other offense the commission of which is necessarily included in that with which he is charged, or to an attempt to commit the offense charged; and upon such plea of guilty, the magistrate shall immediately commit the defendant to the sheriff and certify the case, including a copy of all proceedings therein and such testimony as in his discretion he may require to be taken, to the superior court, and thereupon such proceedings shall be had as if such defendant had pleaded guilty in such court.

The foregoing provisions of this section shall be self-executing. The Legislature may prescribe such procedure in cases herein provided for as is not inconsistent herewith. In cases not hereinabove provided for, such proceedings shall be had as are now or may be hereafter prescribed by law, not inconsistent herewith.

*[Grand Juries]*

A grand jury shall be drawn and summoned at least once a year in each county. *[As amended November 6, 1934. Initiative measure.]*

*[Liberty of Speech and of the Press]*

SEC. 9. Every citizen may freely speak, write, and publish his sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that right; and no law shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press. In all criminal prosecutions for libels, the truth may be given in evidence to the jury; and if it shall appear to the jury that the matter charged as libelous is true, and was published with good motives and for justifiable ends, the party shall be acquitted; and the jury shall have the right to determine the law and the fact. Indictments found, or information laid, for publications in newspapers shall be tried in the county where such newspapers have their publication office, or in the county where the party alleged to be libeled resided at the time of the alleged publication, unless the place of trial shall be changed for good cause.

*[Right to Assemble and to Petition]*

SEC. 10. The people shall have the right to freely assemble together to consult for the common good, to instruct their representatives, and to petition the Legislature for redress of grievances.

*[Uniform Operation of General Laws]*

SEC. 11. All laws of a general nature shall have a uniform operation.

*[The Military]*

SEC. 12. The military shall be subordinate to the civil power. No standing army shall be kept up by this State in time of peace, and no soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner; nor in time of war, except in the manner prescribed by law.

*[Criminal Prosecutions—Rights of Accused—Due Process of Law—Jeopardy—Comment on Failure of Defendant to Testify—Depositions—Assistance of Counsel]*

SEC. 13. In criminal prosecutions, in any court whatever, the party accused shall have the right to a speedy and public trial and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense; to have the process of the court to compel the attendance of witnesses in his behalf and to be personally

present with counsel. No person shall be twice put in jeopardy for the same offense; nor be compelled, in any criminal case, to be a witness against himself; nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; but in any criminal case, whether the defendant testifies or not, his failure to explain or to deny by his testimony any evidence or facts in the case against him may be commented upon by the court and by counsel, and may be considered by the court or the jury. The Legislature shall have power to require the defendant in a felony case to have the assistance of counsel. The Legislature also shall have power to provide for the taking, in the presence of the party accused and his counsel, of depositions of witnesses in criminal cases, other than cases of homicide when there is reason to believe that the witness, from inability or other cause, will not attend at the trial. [*As amended June 6, 1972.*]

[*Eminent Domain*]

SEC. 14. Private property shall not be taken or damaged for public use without just compensation having first been made to, or paid into court for, the owner, and no right of way or lands to be used for reservoir purposes shall be appropriated to the use of any corporation, except a municipal corporation or a county or the State or metropolitan water district, municipal utility district, municipal water district, drainage, irrigation, levee, reclamation or water conservation district, or similar public corporation until full compensation therefor be first made in money or ascertained and paid into court for the owner, irrespective of any benefits from any improvement proposed by such corporation, which compensation shall be ascertained by a jury, unless a jury be waived, as in other civil cases in a court of record, as shall be prescribed by law; *provided*, that in any proceeding in eminent domain brought by the State, or a county, or a municipal corporation, or metropolitan water district, municipal utility district, municipal water district, drainage, irrigation, levee, reclamation or water conservation district, or similar public corporation, the aforesaid State or municipality or county or public corporation or district aforesaid may take immediate possession and use of any right of way or lands to be used for reservoir purposes, required for a public use whether the fee thereof or an easement therefor be sought upon first commencing eminent domain proceedings according to law in a court of competent jurisdiction and thereupon giving such security in the way of money deposited as the court in which such proceedings are pending may direct, and in such amounts as the court may determine to be reasonably adequate to secure to the owner of the property sought to be taken immediate payment of just compensation for such taking and any damage incident thereto, including damages sustained by reason of an adjudication that there is no necessity for taking the property, as soon as the same can be ascertained according to law. The court may, upon motion of any party to said eminent domain proceedings, after such notice to the other parties as the court may prescribe, alter the

amount of such security so required in such proceedings. The taking of private property for a railroad run by steam or electric power for logging or lumbering purposes shall be deemed a taking for a public use, and any person, firm, company or corporation taking private property under the law of eminent domain for such purposes shall thereupon and thereby become a common carrier. [*As amended November 6, 1934.*]

[*Acquisition of Land for Public Improvements—Excess Condemnation*]

SEC. 14½. The State, or any of its cities or counties, may acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation, lands for establishing, laying out, widening, enlarging, extending, and maintaining memorial grounds, streets, squares, parkways and reservations in and about and along and leading to any or all of the same, providing land so acquired shall be limited to parcels lying wholly or in part within a distance not to exceed one hundred fifty feet from the closest boundary of such public works or improvements; *provided*, that when parcels which lie only partially within said limit of one hundred fifty feet only such portions may be acquired which do not exceed two hundred feet from said closest boundary, and after the establishment, laying out, and completion of such improvements, may convey any such real estate thus acquired and not necessary for such improvements, with reservations concerning the future use and occupation of such real estate so as to protect such public works and improvements and their environs and to preserve the view, appearance, light, air and usefulness of such public works.

The Legislature may, by statute, prescribe procedure. [*New section adopted November 6, 1928.*]

[*No Imprisonment for Debt*]

SEC. 15. No person shall be imprisoned for debt in any civil action, on mesne or final process, unless in cases of fraud, nor in civil actions for torts, except in cases of wilful injury to person or property; and no person shall be imprisoned for a militia fine in time of peace.

[*Bill of Attainder—Ex Post Facto Law—Obligation of Contract*]

SEC. 16. No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts shall ever be passed.

[*Rights of Aliens*]

SEC. 17. Foreigners, eligible to become citizens of the United States under the naturalization laws thereof, while bona fide residents of this State, shall have the same rights in respect to the acquisition, possession, enjoyment, transmission, and inheritance of all property, other than real estate, as native born citizens; provided, that such aliens owning real estate at the time of the adoption of this amendment may remain such owners; and provided further, that the Legislature may, by statute, provide for the disposition of real estate which shall hereafter be acquired by such aliens by descent or devise. [*As amended November 2, 1954.*]

*[Slavery Prohibited]*

SEC. 18. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, unless for the punishment of crime, shall ever be tolerated in this State.

*[Unreasonable Seizure and Search—Warrant]*

SEC. 19. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable seizures and searches, shall not be violated; and no warrant shall issue, but on probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons and things to be seized.

*[Treason]*

SEC. 20. Treason against the State shall consist only in levying war against it, adhering to its enemies, or giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the evidence of two witnesses to the same overt act, or confession in open Court.

*[Privileges and Immunities]*

SEC. 21. No special privileges or immunities shall ever be granted which may not be altered, revoked, or repealed by the Legislature; nor shall any citizen, or class of citizens, be granted privileges or immunities which, upon the same terms, shall not be granted to all citizens.\*

*[Constitution Mandatory and Prohibitory]*

SEC. 22. The provisions of this Constitution are mandatory and prohibitory, unless by express words they are declared to be otherwise.

*[Rights Reserved]*

SEC. 23. This enumeration of rights shall not be construed to impair or deny others retained by the people.

*[No Property Qualification for Electors]*

SEC. 24. No property qualification shall ever be required for any person to vote or hold office.

*[Right to Fish]*

SEC. 25. The people shall have the right to fish upon and from the public lands of the State and in the waters thereof, excepting upon lands set aside for fish hatcheries, and no land owned by the State shall ever be sold or transferred without reserving in the people the absolute right to fish thereupon; and no law shall ever be passed making it a crime for the people to enter upon the public lands within this State for the purpose of fishing in any water containing fish that have been planted therein by the State; *provided*, that the Legislature may by statute, provide for the season when and the conditions under which the

\* See also Art IV, Section 16

different species of fish may be taken. [*New section adopted November 8, 1910.*]

*[Sales and Rentals of Residential Real Property]*

SEC. 26. Neither the State nor any subdivision or agency thereof shall deny, limit or abridge, directly or indirectly, the right of any person, who is willing or desires to sell, lease or rent any part or all of his real property, to decline to sell, lease or rent such property to such person or persons as he, in his absolute discretion, chooses.

'Person' includes individuals, partnerships, corporations and other legal entities and their agents or representatives but does not include the State or any subdivision thereof with respect to the sale, lease or rental of property owned by it.

'Real property' consists of any interest in real property of any kind or quality, present or future, irrespective of how obtained or financed, which is used, designed, constructed, zoned or otherwise devoted to or limited for residential purposes whether as a single family dwelling or as a dwelling for two or more persons or families living together or independently of each other.

This Article shall not apply to the obtaining of property by eminent domain pursuant to Article I, Sections 14 and 14½ of this Constitution, nor to the renting or providing of any accommodations for lodging purposes by a hotel, motel or other similar public place engaged in furnishing lodging to transient guests.

If any part or provision of this Article, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Article, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end the provisions of this Article are severable. [*New section adopted November 3, 1964. In effect December 7, 1964.*]

SEC. 26a. [*Repealed November 8, 1949.*]

*[Death Penalty]*

SEC. 27. All statutes of this state in effect on February 17, 1972, requiring, authorizing, imposing, or relating to the death penalty are in full force and effect, subject to legislative amendment or repeal by statute, initiative, or referendum.

The death penalty provided for under those statutes shall not be deemed to be, or to constitute, the infliction of cruel or unusual punishments within the meaning of Article 1, Section 6 nor shall such punishment for such offenses be deemed to contravene any other provision of this constitution. [*New section adopted November 7, 1972. Initiative measure.*]

ARTICLE II. [*Repealed November 7, 1972. See Article II, below.*]

## ARTICLE II \*

## SUFFRAGE

SECTION 1. [*As amended June 6, 1972, repealed November 7, 1972. See Section 1, below.*]

[*Right to Vote*]

SECTION 1. A United States citizen 18 years of age and resident in this state may vote. [*New section adopted November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 1½. [*Repealed November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 2. [*Repealed November 7, 1972. See Section 2, below.*]

[*Residence—Registration—Free Elections*]

SEC. 2. The Legislature shall define residence and provide for registration and free elections. [*New section adopted November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 2.5. [*Repealed November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 2¾. [*Repealed November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 3. [*Repealed November 7, 1972. See Section 3, below.*]

[*Improper Practices That Affect Elections—Insane Persons, Etc.*]

SEC. 3. The Legislature shall prohibit improper practices that affect elections and shall provide that no severely mentally deficient person, insane person, person convicted of an infamous crime, nor person convicted of embezzlement or misappropriation of public money, shall exercise the privileges of an elector in this state. [*New section adopted November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 4. [*Repealed November 7, 1972. See Section 4, below.*]

\* New Article II adopted November 7, 1972. See note below.

Note Sections 1 and 8 of former Article II, as amended and added, respectively, June 6, 1972, effective June 7, 1972, until November 8, 1972, read as follows:

SECTION 1 Every native citizen of the United States of America, every person who shall have acquired the rights of citizenship under and by virtue of the Treaty of Queretaro, and every naturalized citizen thereof, of the age of 21 years, who shall have been a resident of the State one year next preceding the day of the election, and of the county in which he or she claims his or her vote ninety days, and in the election precinct fifty-four days, shall be entitled to vote at all elections which are now or may hereafter be authorized by law, provided, any person duly registered as an elector in one precinct and removing therefrom to another precinct in the same county within fifty-four days, or any person duly registered as an elector in any county in California and removing therefrom to another county in California within ninety days prior to an election, shall for the purpose of such election be deemed to be a resident and qualified elector of the precinct or county from which he so removed until after such election, provided, further, no alien ineligible to citizenship, no idiot, no insane person, no person convicted of any infamous crime, no person hereafter convicted of the embezzlement or misappropriation of public money, and no person who shall not be able to read the Constitution in the English language and write his or her name, shall ever exercise the privileges of an elector in this State, provided, that the provisions of this amendment relative to an educational qualification shall not apply to any person prevented by a physical disability from complying with its requirements, nor to any person who had the right to vote on October 10, 1911, nor to any person who was 60 years of age and upwards on October 10, 1911, provided, further, that the Legislature may, by general law, provide for the casting of votes by duly registered voters who expect to be absent from their respective precincts or unable to vote therein, by reason of physical disability, on the day on which any election is held.

SEC 8 The Legislature shall provide for an open presidential primary whereby the candidates on the ballot are those found by the Secretary of State to be recognized candidates throughout the nation or throughout California for the office of President of the United States, and those whose names are placed on the ballot by petition, but excluding any candidate who has withdrawn by filing an affidavit that he is not a candidate.



*[Primary Elections for Partisan Offices—Open Presidential Primary]*

SEC. 4. The Legislature shall provide for primary elections for partisan offices, including an open presidential primary whereby the candidates on the ballot are those found by the Secretary of State to be recognized candidates throughout the nation or throughout California for the office of President of the United States, and those whose names are placed on the ballot by petition, but excluding any candidate who has withdrawn by filing an affidavit that he is not a candidate. *[New section adopted November 7, 1972.]*

SEC. 5. *[Repealed November 7, 1972. See Section 5, below.]*

*[Nonpartisan Offices]*

SEC. 5. Judicial, school, county, and city offices shall be nonpartisan. *[New section adopted November 7, 1972.]*

SEC. 6. *[Repealed November 7, 1972. See Section 6, below.]*

*[Voting—Secret]*

SEC. 6. Voting shall be secret. *[New section adopted November 7, 1972.]*

SEC. 7. *[Repealed November 7, 1972.]*

SEC. 8. *[Repealed November 7, 1972.]*

ARTICLE III. *[Repealed November 7, 1972. See Article III, below.]*

ARTICLE III \*

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

*[United States Constitution Supreme Law]*

SEC. 1. The State of California is an inseparable part of the United States of America, and the United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land. *[New section adopted November 7, 1972.]*

*[Boundaries of the State—Sacramento Seat of Government]*

SEC. 2. The boundaries of the state are those stated in the Constitution of 1849 as modified pursuant to statute. Sacramento is the capital of California. *[New section adopted November 7, 1972.]*

*[Separation of Powers]*

SEC. 3. The powers of state government are legislative, executive, and judicial. Persons charged with the exercise of one power may not exercise either of the others except as permitted by this Constitution. *[New section adopted November 7, 1972.]*

\* New Article III adopted November 7, 1972

*[Salaries of Elected State Officers]*

SEC. 4. Salaries of elected state officers may not be reduced during their term of office. Laws that set these salaries are appropriations. *[New section adopted November 7, 1972.]*

*[Suits Against State]*

SEC. 5. Suits may be brought against the state in such manner and in such courts as shall be directed by law. *[New section adopted November 7, 1972.]*

## ARTICLE IV

### LEGISLATIVE

*[Heading as amended November 8, 1966.]*

SECTION 1. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 1, below.]*

*[Legislative Power]*

SEC. 1. The legislative power of this State is vested in the California Legislature which consists of the Senate and Assembly, but the people reserve to themselves the powers of initiative and referendum. *[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 1a. *[Renumbered Section 20 of Article XIII and amended November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 1b. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 1c. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 1d. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 2. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 2, below.]*

*[Senate and Assembly—Membership—Elections—Qualifications—Vacancies]*

SEC. 2. (a) The Senate has a membership of 40 Senators elected for 4-year terms, 20 to begin every 2 years. The Assembly has a membership of 80 Assemblymen elected for 2-year terms. Their terms shall commence on the first Monday in December next following their election.

(b) Election of Assemblymen shall be on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years unless otherwise prescribed by the Legislature. Senators shall be elected at the same time and places as Assemblymen.

(c) A person is ineligible to be a member of the Legislature unless he is an elector and has been a resident of his district for one year, and a citizen of the United States and a resident of California for 3 years, immediately preceding his election.

(d) When a vacancy occurs in the Legislature the Governor immediately shall call an election to fill the vacancy. *[As amended November 7, 1972.]*

SEC. 3. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 3, below.]*

[*Legislative Sessions—Regular Session*]

SEC. 3. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (c), the Legislature shall convene in regular session at noon on the first Monday in December of each even-numbered year and each house shall immediately organize. Each session of the Legislature shall adjourn sine die by operation of the Constitution at midnight on November 30 of the following even-numbered year.

[*Special Sessions*]

(b) On extraordinary occasions the Governor by proclamation may cause the Legislature to assemble in special session. When so assembled it has power to legislate only on subjects specified in the proclamation but may provide for expenses and other matters incidental to the session.

[*Regular Session Commencing January 8, 1973*]

(c) The Legislature shall convene the regular session following the addition of this subdivision at noon on January 8, 1973. The term of office of the legislators elected at the general election in 1972 shall commence at noon on January 8, 1973. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 4. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 4, below.*]

[*Legislators—Compensation—Retirement*]

SEC. 4. Compensation of members of the Legislature, and reimbursement for travel and living expenses in connection with their official duties, shall be prescribed by statute passed by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring. Commencing with 1967, in any statute enacted making an adjustment of the annual compensation of a member of the Legislature the adjustment may not exceed an amount equal to 5 percent for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment, of the salary in effect when the statute is enacted. Any adjustment in the compensation may not apply until the commencement of the regular session commencing after the next general election following enactment of the statute.

The Legislature may not provide retirement benefits based on any portion of a monthly salary in excess of 500 dollars paid to any member of the Legislature unless the member receives the greater amount while serving as a member in the Legislature. The Legislature may, prior to their retirement, limit the retirement benefits payable to members of the Legislature who serve during or after the term commencing in 1967.

When computing the retirement allowance of a member who serves in the Legislature during the term commencing in 1967 or later, allowance may be made for increases in cost of living if so provided by statute, but only with respect to increases in the cost of living occurring after retirement of the member, except that the Legislature may provide that no member shall be deprived of a cost of living adjustment

based on a monthly salary of 500 dollars which has accrued prior to the commencement of the 1967 Regular Session of the Legislature. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 5. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 5, below.*]

[*Qualifications—Expulsion—Conflict of Interest*]

SEC. 5. Each house shall judge the qualifications and elections of its members and, by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two thirds of the membership concurring, may expel a member.

The Legislature shall enact laws to prohibit members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties and responsibilities; provided that the people reserve to themselves the power to implement this requirement pursuant to Section 22 of this article. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

[*Senatorial and Assembly Districts—Reapportionment*]

SEC. 6. For the purpose of choosing members of the Legislature, the State shall be divided into 40 Senatorial and 80 Assembly districts to be called Senatorial and Assembly districts. Such districts shall be composed of contiguous territory, and Assembly districts shall be as nearly equal in population as may be. Each Senatorial district shall choose one Senator and each Assembly district shall choose one member of Assembly. The Senatorial districts shall be numbered from one to 40, inclusive, in numerical order, and the Assembly districts shall be numbered from one to 80 in the same order, commencing at the northern boundary of the State and ending at the southern boundary thereof. In the formation of Assembly districts no county, or city and county, shall be divided, unless it contains sufficient population within itself to form two or more districts, and in the formation of Senatorial districts no county, or city and county, shall be divided, nor shall a part of any county, or of any city and county, be united with any other county, or city and county, in forming any Assembly or Senatorial district. The census taken under the direction of the Congress of the United States in the year 1920, and every 10 years thereafter, shall be the basis of fixing and adjusting the legislative districts; and the Legislature shall, at its first regular session following the adoption of this section and thereafter at the first regular session following each decennial Federal census, adjust such districts, and reapportion the representation so as to preserve the Assembly districts as nearly equal in population as may be; but in the formation of Senatorial districts no county or city and county shall contain more than one Senatorial district, and the counties of small population shall be grouped in districts of not to exceed three counties in any one Senatorial district; provided, however, that should the Legislature at the first regular session following the adoption of this section or at the first regular session following any decennial Federal census fail to reapportion the Assembly and Senatorial districts, a Reapportionment Commission,

which is hereby created, consisting of the Lieutenant Governor, who shall be chairman, and the Attorney General, State Controller, Secretary of State and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall forthwith apportion such districts in accordance with the provisions of this section and such apportionment of said districts shall be immediately effective the same as if the act of said Reapportionment Commission were an act of the Legislature, subject, however, to the same provisions of referendum as apply to the acts of the Legislature.

*[Population]*

Each subsequent reapportionment shall carry out these provisions and shall be based upon the last preceding Federal census. But in making such adjustments no persons who are not eligible to become citizens of the United States, under the naturalization laws, shall be counted as forming a part of the population of any district. Until such districting as herein provided for shall be made, Senators and Assemblymen shall be elected by the districts according to the apportionment now provided for by law. *[As amended November 3, 1942.]*

SEC. 7. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 7, below.]*

*[House Procedure—Election of Officers—Journals—Recess]*

SEC. 7. (a) Each house shall choose its officers and adopt rules for its proceedings. A majority of the membership constitutes a quorum, but a smaller number may recess from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members.

(b) Each house shall keep and publish a journal of its proceedings. The rollcall vote of the members on a question shall be taken and entered in the journal at the request of 3 members present.

(c) The proceedings of each house shall be public except on occasions that in the opinion of the house require secrecy.

(d) Neither house without the consent of the other may recess for more than 10 days or to any other place. *[As amended November 7, 1972.]*

SEC. 8. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 8, below.]*

*[Bills and Statutes—30-day Waiting Period—3 Readings—Effective Date—Urgency Statutes]*

SEC. 8. (a) At regular sessions no bill other than the budget bill may be heard or acted on by committee or either house until the 31st day after the bill is introduced unless the house dispenses with this requirement by rollcall vote entered in the journal, three fourths of the membership concurring.

(b) The Legislature may make no law except by statute and may enact no statute except by bill. No bill may be passed unless it is read by title on 3 days in each house except that the house may dispense with this requirement by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two thirds of the membership concurring. No bill may be passed until the bill with

amendments has been printed and distributed to the members. No bill may be passed unless, by rollcall vote entered in the journal, a majority of the membership of each house concurs.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subdivision, a statute enacted at a regular session shall go into effect on January 1 next following a 90-day period from the date of enactment of the statute and a statute enacted at a special session shall go into effect on the 91st day after adjournment of the special session at which the bill was passed.

(2) Statutes calling elections, statutes providing for tax levies or appropriations for the usual current expenses of the State, and urgency statutes shall go into effect immediately upon their enactment.

(d) Urgency statutes are those necessary for immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety. A statement of facts constituting the necessity shall be set forth in one section of the bill. In each house the section and the bill shall be passed separately, each by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two thirds of the membership concurring. An urgency statute may not create or abolish any office or change the salary, term, or duties of any office, or grant any franchise or special privilege, or create any vested right or interest. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 9. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 9, below.*]

[*Statute Titles*]

SEC. 9. A statute shall embrace but one subject, which shall be expressed in its title. If a statute embraces a subject not expressed in its title, only the part not expressed is void. A statute may not be amended by reference to its title. A section of a statute may not be amended unless the section is re-enacted as amended. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 10. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 10, below.*]

[*Governor's Veto—Bill Introduction in Biennial Session*]

SEC. 10. (a) Each bill passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor. It becomes a statute if he signs it. He may veto it by returning it with his objections to the house of origin, which shall enter the objections in the journal and proceed to reconsider it. If each house then passes the bill by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two thirds of the membership concurring, it becomes a statute. A bill presented to the Governor that is not returned within 12 days becomes a statute; provided, that any bill passed by the Legislature before September 1 of the second calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session and in the possession of the Governor on or after September 1 that is not returned by the Governor on or before September 30 of that year becomes a statute. The Legislature may not present to the Governor any bill after November 15 of the second calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session. If the Legislature by adjournment of a special session prevents the return of a bill with the veto message, the bill becomes a statute unless the Governor vetoes the bill within 12 days by

depositing it and the veto message in the office of the Secretary of State.

Any bill introduced during the first year of the biennium of the legislative session that has not been passed by the house of origin by the thirtieth day of January of the second calendar year of the biennium may no longer be acted on by the house. No bill may be passed by either house on or after September 1 of an even-numbered year except statutes calling elections, statutes providing for tax levies or appropriations for the usual current expenses of the State, and urgency statutes, and bills passed after being vetoed by the Governor.

(b) The Governor may reduce or eliminate one or more items of appropriation while approving other portions of a bill. He shall append to the bill a statement of the items reduced or eliminated with the reasons for his action. The Governor shall transmit to the house originating the bill a copy of his statement and reasons. Items reduced or eliminated shall be separately reconsidered and may be passed over the Governor's veto in the same manner as bills. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 11. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 11, below.*]

[*Committees*]

SEC. 11. The Legislature or either house may by resolution provide for the selection of committees necessary for the conduct of its business, including committees to ascertain facts and make recommendations to the Legislature on a subject within the scope of legislative control. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 12. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 12, below.*]

[*Governor's Budget—Budget Bill—Other Appropriations*]

SEC. 12. (a) Within the first 10 days of each calendar year, the Governor shall submit to the Legislature, with an explanatory message, a budget for the ensuing fiscal year containing itemized statements for recommended state expenditures and estimated state revenues. If recommended expenditures exceed estimated revenues, he shall recommend the sources from which the additional revenues should be provided.

(b) The Governor and the Governor-elect may require a state agency, officer or employee to furnish him whatever information he deems necessary to prepare the budget.

(c) The budget shall be accompanied by a budget bill itemizing recommended expenditures. The bill shall be introduced immediately in each house by the chairmen of the committees that consider appropriations. The Legislature shall pass the budget bill by midnight on June 15 of each year. Until the budget bill has been enacted, the Legislature shall not send to the Governor for consideration any bill appropriating funds for expenditure during the fiscal year for which the budget bill is to be enacted, except emergency bills recommended by the Governor or appropriations for the salaries and expenses of the Legislature.

(d) No bill except the budget bill may contain more than one item of appropriation, and that for one certain, expressed purpose. Appropriations from the general fund of the State, except appropriations for the public schools, are void unless passed in each house by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two thirds of the membership concurring. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 13. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 13, below.*]

[*Legislators—Ineligible for Certain Offices*]

SEC. 13. A member of the Legislature may not, during the term for which he is elected, hold any office or employment under the State other than an elective office. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 14. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 14, below.*]

[*Members—Not Subject to Civil Process*]

SEC. 14. A member of the Legislature is not subject to civil process during a session of the Legislature or for 5 days before and after a session. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 15. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 15, below.*]

[*Influencing Action or Vote of a Member—Felony*]

SEC. 15. A person who seeks to influence the vote or action of a member of the Legislature in his legislative capacity by bribery, promise of reward, intimidation, or other dishonest means, or a member of the Legislature so influenced, is guilty of a felony. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 16. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 16, below.*]

[*Special Statute—Invalid*]

SEC. 16. A local or special statute is invalid in any case if a general statute can be made applicable. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 17. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 17, below.*]

[*Grant of Extra Compensation or Allowance Prohibited*]

SEC. 17. The Legislature has no power to grant, or to authorize a city, county, or other public body to grant, extra compensation or extra allowance to a public officer, public employee, or contractor after service has been rendered or a contract has been entered into and performed in whole or in part, or to authorize the payment of a claim against the State or a city, county, or other public body under an agreement made without authority of law. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 18. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 18, below.*]



*[Impeachment]*

SEC. 18. (a) The Assembly has the sole power of impeachment. Impeachments shall be tried by the Senate. A person may not be convicted unless, by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two thirds of the membership of the Senate concurs.

(b) State officers elected on a statewide basis, members of the State Board of Equalization, and judges of state courts are subject to impeachment for misconduct in office. Judgment may extend only to removal from office and disqualification to hold any office under the State, but the person convicted or acquitted remains subject to criminal punishment according to law. *[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 19. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 19, below.]*

*[Lotteries Prohibited—Horse Races Regulated]*

SEC. 19. (a) The Legislature has no power to authorize lotteries and shall prohibit the sale of lottery tickets in the State.

(b) The Legislature may provide for the regulation of horse races and horse race meetings and wagering on the results. *[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 20. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 20, below.]*

*[Fish and Game—Districts and Commission]*

SEC. 20. (a) The Legislature may provide for division of the State into fish and game districts and may protect fish and game in districts or parts of districts.

(b) There is a Fish and Game Commission of 5 members appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate, a majority of the membership concurring, for 6-year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Appointment to fill a vacancy is for the unexpired portion of the term. The Legislature may delegate to the commission such powers relating to the protection and propagation of fish and game as the Legislature sees fit. A member of the commission may be removed by concurrent resolution adopted by each house, a majority of the membership concurring. *[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 21. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 21, below.]*

*[War- or Enemy-Caused Disaster]*

SEC. 21. To meet the needs resulting from war-caused or enemy-caused disaster in California, the Legislature may provide for:

(a) Filling the offices of members of the Legislature should at least one fifth of the membership of either house be killed, missing, or disabled, until they are able to perform their duties or successors are elected.

(b) Filling the office of Governor should he be killed, missing, or disabled, until he or his successor designated in this Constitution is able to perform his duties or a successor is elected.

(c) Convening the Legislature.

(d) Holding elections to fill offices that are elective under this Constitution and that are either vacant or occupied by persons not elected thereto.

(e) Selecting a temporary seat of state or county government. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 22. [*Renumbered Section 21 of Article XIII and amended November 8, 1966. See Section 22, below.*]

#### INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

##### [*Initiative*]

SEC. 22. (a) The initiative is the power of the electors to propose statutes and amendments to the Constitution and to adopt or reject them.

(b) An initiative measure may be proposed by presenting to the Secretary of State a petition that sets forth the text of the proposed statute or amendment to the Constitution and is certified to have been signed by electors equal in number to 5 percent in the case of a statute, and 8 percent in the case of an amendment to the Constitution, of the votes for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election.

(c) The Secretary of State shall then submit the measure at the next general election held at least 131 days after it qualifies or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election. The Governor may call a special statewide election for the measure.

(d) An initiative measure embracing more than one subject may not be submitted to the electors or have any effect. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 22a. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 23. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 23, below.*]

##### [*Referendum*]

SEC. 23. (a) The referendum is the power of the electors to approve or reject statutes or parts of statutes except urgency statutes, statutes calling elections, and statutes providing for tax levies or appropriations for usual current expenses of the State.

(b) A referendum measure may be proposed by presenting to the Secretary of State, within 90 days after the enactment date of the statute, a petition certified to have been signed by electors equal in number to 5 percent of the votes for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election, asking that the statute or part of it be submitted to the electors.

(c) The Secretary of State shall then submit the measure at the next general election held at least 31 days after it qualifies or at a special statewide election held prior to that general election. The Governor may call a special statewide election for the measure. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 23a. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 23b. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 24. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 24, below.*]

[*Initiative and Referendum—Vote and Effective Date—Conflicts—Legislative Repeal or Amendment—Titling*]

SEC. 24. (a) An initiative statute or referendum approved by a majority of votes thereon takes effect the day after the election unless the measure provides otherwise. If a referendum petition is filed against a part of a statute the remainder shall not be delayed from going into effect.

(b) If provisions of 2 or more measures approved at the same election conflict, those of the measure receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

(c) The Legislature may amend or repeal referendum statutes. It may amend or repeal an initiative statute by another statute that becomes effective only when approved by the electors unless the initiative statute permits amendment or repeal without their approval.

(d) Prior to circulation of an initiative or referendum petition for signatures, a copy shall be submitted to the Attorney General who shall prepare a title and summary of the measure as provided by law.

(e) The Legislature shall provide the manner in which petitions shall be circulated, presented, and certified, and measures submitted to the electors. [*As amended November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 25. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 25, below.*]

[*Initiative and Referendum—Cities or Counties*]

SEC. 25. Initiative and referendum powers may be exercised by the electors of each city or county under procedures that the Legislature shall provide. This section does not affect a city having a charter. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 25a. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 25½. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 25⅞. [*Renumbered Section 22 of Article XIII and amended November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 25¾. [*Renumbered Section 25.7 and amended November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 25.7. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 26. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 26, below.*]

[*Naming Private Corporation or Individual to Office—Prohibited*]

SEC. 26. No amendment to the Constitution, and no statute proposed to the electors by the Legislature or by initiative, that names any individual to hold any office, or names or identifies any private corporation to perform any function or to have any power or duty, may be submitted to the electors or have any effect. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

*[Formation of Congressional Districts]*

SEC. 27. When a congressional district shall be composed of two or more counties, it shall not be separated by any county belonging to another district. No county, or city and county, shall be divided in forming a congressional district so as to attach one portion of a county, or city and county, to another county, or city and county, except in cases where one county, or city and county, has more population than the ratio required for one or more Congressmen; but the Legislature may divide any county, or city and county, into as many congressional districts as it may be entitled to by law. Any county, or city and county, containing a population greater than the number required for one congressional district shall be formed into one or more congressional districts, according to the population thereof, and any residue, after forming such district or districts, shall be attached by compact adjoining assembly districts, to a contiguous county or counties, and form a congressional district. In dividing a county, or city and county, into congressional districts no assembly district shall be divided so as to form a part of more than one congressional district, and every such congressional district shall be composed of compact contiguous assembly districts.

SEC. 28. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 28, below.]*

MISCELLANEOUS

*[Dual Office Holding]*

SEC. 28. A person holding a lucrative office under the United States or other power may not hold a civil office of profit. A local officer or postmaster whose compensation does not exceed 500 dollars per year or an officer in the militia or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States except where on active federal duty for more than 30 days in any year is not a holder of a lucrative office, nor is his holding of a civil office of profit affected by this military service. *[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 29. *[Renumbered Section 23 of Article XIII and amended November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 30. *[Renumbered Section 24 of Article XIII and amended November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 31. *[Renumbered Section 25 of Article XIII and amended November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 31a. *[Renumbered Section 26 of Article XIII and amended November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 31b. *[As adopted by Assembly Constitutional Amendment 14 of 1931, repealed November 6, 1956.]*

SEC. 31b. *[As adopted November 8, 1932, renumbered Section 27 of Article XIII and amended November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 31c. *[As adopted November 3, 1936, renumbered Section 28 of Article XIII and amended November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 31c. *[As adopted November 3, 1942, repealed November 6, 1956.]*

- SEC. 31d. [*Repealed November 6, 1956.*]  
 SEC. 32. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]  
 SEC. 33. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]  
 SEC. 34. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]  
 SEC. 34a. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]  
 SEC. 35. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]  
 SEC. 36. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]  
 SEC. 37. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]  
 SEC. 38. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

ARTICLE V. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Article V, below.*]

## ARTICLE V \*

### EXECUTIVE

SECTION 1. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 1, below.*]

[*Executive Power Vested in Governor*]

SEC. 1. The supreme executive power of this State is vested in the Governor. He shall see that the law is faithfully executed. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 2. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 2, below.*]

[*Election—Eligibility—Term*]

SEC. 2. The Governor shall be elected every fourth year at the same time and places as Assemblymen and hold office from the Monday after January 1 following his election until his successor qualifies. He shall be an elector who has been a citizen of the United States and a resident of this State for 5 years immediately preceding his election. He may not hold other public office. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 3. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 3, below.*]

[*Report to Legislature—Recommendations*]

SEC. 3. The Governor shall report to the Legislature each calendar year on the condition of the State and may make recommendations. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 4. [*As amended November 8, 1960, repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 4, below.*]

[*Information From Executive Officers, Etc.*]

SEC. 4. The Governor may require executive officers and agencies and their employees to furnish information relating to their duties. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 4.5. [*Renumbered Section 4 and amended November 8, 1960.*]

\* New Article V adopted November 8, 1966

SEC. 5. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 5, below.*]

[*Filling Vacancies*]

SEC. 5. Unless the law otherwise provides, the Governor may fill a vacancy in office by appointment until a successor qualifies. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 6. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 6, below.*]

[*Executive Assignment and Agency Reorganization*]

SEC. 6. Authority may be provided by statute for the Governor to assign and reorganize functions among executive officers and agencies and their employees, other than elective officers and agencies administered by elective officers. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 7. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 7, below.*]

[*Commander of Militia*]

SEC. 7. The Governor is commander in chief of a militia that shall be provided by statute. He may call it forth to execute the law. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 8. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 8, below.*]

[*Reprieves, Pardons, Commutations*]

SEC. 8. Subject to application procedures provided by statute, the Governor, on conditions he deems proper, may grant a reprieve, pardon, and commutation, after sentence, except in case of impeachment. He shall report to the Legislature each reprieve, pardon, and commutation granted, stating the pertinent facts and his reasons for granting it. He may not grant a pardon or commutation to a person twice convicted of a felony except on recommendation of the Supreme Court, 4 judges concurring. [*As amended November , 1972.*]

SEC. 9. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 9, below.*]

[*Lieutenant Governor—Qualifications—Casting Vote*]

SEC. 9. The Lieutenant Governor shall have the same qualifications as the Governor. He is President of the Senate but has only a casting vote. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 10. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 10, below.*]

[*Succession*]

SEC. 10. The Lieutenant Governor shall become Governor when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor.

He shall act as Governor during the impeachment, absence from the State, or other temporary disability of the Governor or of a Governor-elect who fails to take office.

The Legislature shall provide an order of precedence after the Lieutenant Governor for succession to the office of Governor and for the temporary exercise of his functions.

The Supreme Court has exclusive jurisdiction to determine all questions arising under this section.

Standing to raise questions of vacancy or temporary disability is vested exclusively in a body provided by statute. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 11. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 11, below.*]

[*Election—Other State Officers*]

SEC. 11. The Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Controller, Secretary of State, and Treasurer shall be elected at the same time and places and for the same term as the Governor. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 12. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 12, below.*]

[*Compensation—State Officers*]

SEC. 12. Compensation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Controller, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Treasurer shall be prescribed by statute but may not be increased or decreased during a term. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 13. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 13, below.*]

[*Attorney General—Chief Law Officer*]

SEC. 13. Subject to the powers and duties of the Governor, the Attorney General shall be the chief law officer of the State. It shall be his duty to see that the laws of the State are uniformly and adequately enforced. He shall have direct supervision over every district attorney and sheriff and over such other law enforcement officers as may be designated by law, in all matters pertaining to the duties of their respective offices, and may require any of said officers to make to him such reports concerning the investigation, detection, prosecution, and punishment of crime in their respective jurisdictions as to him may seem advisable. Whenever in the opinion of the Attorney General any law of the State is not being adequately enforced in any county, it shall be the duty of the Attorney General to prosecute any violations of law of which the superior court shall have jurisdiction, and in such cases he shall have all the powers of a district attorney. When required by the public interest or directed by the Governor, he shall assist any district attorney in the discharge of his duties. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 14. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 15. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 16. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 17. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 18. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 19. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 20. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 21. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 22. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

ARTICLE VI. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Article VI, below.*]

ARTICLE VI \*

JUDICIAL

SECTION 1. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 1, below.*]

[*Judicial Power Vested in Courts*]

SEC. 1. The judicial power of this State is vested in the Supreme Court, courts of appeal, superior courts, municipal courts, and justice courts. All except justice courts are courts of record. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 1a. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 1b. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 1c. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 2. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 2, below.*]

[*Supreme Court—Composition*]

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court consists of the Chief Justice of California and 6 associate justices. The Chief Justice may convene the court at any time. Concurrence of 4 judges present at the argument is necessary for a judgment.

An acting Chief Justice shall perform all functions of the Chief Justice when he is absent or unable to act. The Chief Justice or, if he fails to do so, the court shall select an associate justice as acting Chief Justice. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 3. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 3, below.*]

[*Judicial Districts—Courts of Appeal*]

SEC. 3. The Legislature shall divide the State into districts each containing a court of appeal with one or more divisions. Each division consists of a presiding justice and 2 or more associate justices. It has the power of a court of appeal and shall conduct itself as a 3-judge court. Concurrence of 2 judges present at the argument is necessary for a judgment.

An acting presiding justice shall perform all functions of the presiding justice when he is absent or unable to act. The presiding justice or, if he fails to do so, the Chief Justice shall select an associate justice of that division as acting presiding justice. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 4. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 4, below.*]

\* New Article VI adopted November 8, 1966



*[Superior Courts]*

SEC. 4. In each county there is a superior court of one or more judges. The Legislature shall prescribe the number of judges and provide for the officers and employees of each superior court. If the governing body of each affected county concurs, the Legislature may provide that one or more judges serve more than one superior court.

The county clerk is ex officio clerk of the superior court in his county.

*[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 4a. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 4b. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 4c. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 4d. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 4e. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 4½. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 4¾. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 5. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 5, below.]*

*[Municipal and Justice Courts]*

SEC. 5. Each county shall be divided into municipal court and justice court districts as provided by statute, but a city may not be divided into more than one district. Each municipal and justice court shall have one or more judges.

There shall be a municipal court in each district of more than 40,000 residents and a justice court in each district of 40,000 residents or less. The number of residents shall be ascertained as provided by statute.

The Legislature shall provide for the organization and prescribe the jurisdiction of municipal and justice courts. It shall prescribe for each municipal court and provide for each justice court the number, qualifications, and compensation of judges, officers, and employees.

*[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 6. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 6, below.]*

*[Judicial Council—Membership and Powers]*

SEC. 6. The Judicial Council consists of the Chief Justice as chairman and one other judge of the Supreme Court, 3 judges of courts of appeal, 5 judges of superior courts, 3 judges of municipal courts, and 2 judges of justice courts, each appointed by the chairman for a 2-year term; 4 members of the State Bar appointed by its governing body for 2-year terms; and one member of each house of the Legislature appointed as provided by the house.

Council membership terminates if a member ceases to hold the position that qualified him for appointment. A vacancy shall be filled by the appointing power for the remainder of the term.

The council may appoint an Administrative Director of the Courts, who serves at its pleasure and performs functions delegated by the council or its chairman, other than adopting rules of court administration, practice and procedure.

To improve the administration of justice the council shall survey

judicial business and make recommendations to the courts, make recommendations annually to the Governor and Legislature, adopt rules for court administration, practice and procedure, not inconsistent with statute, and perform other functions prescribed by statute.

The chairman shall seek to expedite judicial business and to equalize the work of judges; he may provide for the assignment of any judge to another court but only with the judge's consent if the court is of lower jurisdiction. A retired judge who consents may be assigned to any court.

Judges shall report to the chairman as he directs concerning the condition of judicial business in their courts. They shall cooperate with the council and hold court as assigned. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 7. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 7, below.*]

**[Commission on Judicial Appointments]**

SEC. 7. The Commission on Judicial Appointments consists of the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, and the presiding justice of the court of appeal of the affected district or, if there are 2 or more presiding justices, the one who has presided longest or, when a nomination or appointment to the Supreme Court is to be considered, the presiding justice who has presided longest on any court of appeal. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 8. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 8, below.*]

**[Commission on Judicial Qualifications—Membership]**

SEC. 8. The Commission on Judicial Qualifications consists of 2 judges of courts of appeal, 2 judges of superior courts, and one judge of a municipal court, each appointed by the Supreme Court; 2 members of the State Bar who have practiced law in this State for 10 years, appointed by its governing body; and 2 citizens who are not judges, retired judges, or members of the State Bar, appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate, a majority of the membership concurring. All terms are 4 years.

Commission membership terminates if a member ceases to hold the position that qualified him for appointment. A vacancy shall be filled by the appointing power for the remainder of the term. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 9. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 9, below.*]

**[State Bar]**

SEC. 9. The State Bar of California is a public corporation. Every person admitted and licensed to practice law in this State is and shall be a member of the State Bar except while holding office as a judge of a court of record. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 10. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 10, below.*]

*[Jurisdiction—Original]*

SEC. 10. The Supreme Court, courts of appeal, superior courts, and their judges have original jurisdiction in habeas corpus proceedings. Those courts also have original jurisdiction in proceedings for extraordinary relief in the nature of mandamus, certiorari, and prohibition.

Superior courts have original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts.

The court may make such comment on the evidence and the testimony and credibility of any witness as in its opinion is necessary for the proper determination of the cause. *[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 10a. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 10b. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 11. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 11, below.]*

*[Jurisdiction—Appellate]*

SEC. 11. The Supreme Court has appellate jurisdiction when judgment of death has been pronounced. With that exception courts of appeal have appellate jurisdiction when superior courts have original jurisdiction and in other causes prescribed by statute.

Superior courts have appellate jurisdiction in causes prescribed by statute that arise in municipal and justice courts in their counties.

The Legislature may permit appellate courts to take evidence and make findings of fact when jury trial is waived or not a matter of right. *[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 11a. *[Repealed November 7, 1950.]*

SEC. 12. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 12, below.]*

*[Transfer of Causes—Jurisdiction]*

SEC. 12. The Supreme Court may, before decision becomes final, transfer to itself a cause in a court of appeal. It may, before decision, transfer a cause from itself to a court of appeal or from one court of appeal or division to another. The court to which a cause is transferred has jurisdiction. *[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 13. *[Repealed November 7, 1950. See Section 13, below.]*

*[Judgment—When Set Aside]*

SEC. 13. No judgment shall be set aside, or new trial granted, in any cause, on the ground of misdirection of the jury, or of the improper admission or rejection of evidence, or for any error as to any matter of pleading, or for any error as to any matter of procedure, unless, after an examination of the entire cause, including the evidence, the court shall be of the opinion that the error complained of has resulted in a miscarriage of justice. *[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 14. *[Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 14, below.]*

[*Supreme Court and Appellate Court—Published Opinions*]

SEC. 14. The Legislature shall provide for the prompt publication of such opinions of the Supreme Court and courts of appeal as the Supreme Court deems appropriate, and those opinions shall be available for publication by any person.

Decisions of the Supreme Court and courts of appeal that determine causes shall be in writing with reasons stated. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 15. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 15, below.*]

[*Judges—Eligibility*]

SEC. 15. A person is ineligible to be a judge of a court of record unless for 5 years immediately preceding selection to a municipal court or 10 years immediately preceding selection to other courts, he has been a member of the State Bar or served as a judge of a court of record in this State. A judge eligible for municipal court service may be assigned by the chairman of the Judicial Council to serve on any court. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 16. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 16, below.*]

[*Judges—Elections, Terms—Vacancies*]

SEC. 16. (a) Judges of the Supreme Court shall be elected at large and judges of courts of appeal shall be elected in their districts at general elections at the same time and places as the Governor. Their terms are 12 years beginning the Monday after January 1 following their election, except that a judge elected to an unexpired term serves the remainder of the term. In creating a new court of appeal district or division the Legislature shall provide that the first elective terms are 4, 8, and 12 years.

(b) Judges of other courts shall be elected in their counties or districts at general elections. The Legislature may provide that an unopposed incumbent's name not appear on the ballot.

(c) Terms of judges of superior courts are 6 years beginning the Monday after January 1 following their election. A vacancy shall be filled by election to a full term at the next general election after the January 1 following the vacancy, but the Governor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy temporarily until the elected judge's term begins.

(d) Within 30 days before August 16 preceding the expiration of his term, a judge of the Supreme Court or a court of appeal may file a declaration of candidacy to succeed himself. If he does not, the Governor before September 16 shall nominate a candidate. At the next general election, only the candidate so declared or nominated may appear on the ballot, which shall present the question whether he shall be elected. If he receives a majority of the votes on the question he is elected. A candidate not elected may not be appointed to that court but later may be nominated and elected.

The Governor shall fill vacancies in those courts by appointment. An

appointee holds office until the Monday after January 1 following the first general election at which he had the right to become a candidate or until an elected judge qualifies. A nomination or appointment by the Governor is effective when confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.

Electors of a county, by majority of those voting and in a manner the Legislature shall provide, may make this system of selection applicable to judges of superior courts. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 17. [*Repealed November 6, 1956. See Section 17, below.*]

[*Prohibitions re Law Practice—Public Employment or Office—Use of Fines or Fees*]

SEC. 17. A judge of a court of record may not practice law and during the term for which he was selected is ineligible for public employment or public office other than judicial employment or judicial office. A judge of the superior or municipal court may, however, become eligible for election to other public office by taking a leave of absence without pay prior to filing a declaration of candidacy. Acceptance of the public office is a resignation from the office of judge.

A judicial officer may not receive fines or fees for his own use. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 18. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 18, below.*]

[*Disqualification, Suspension, Removal, Retirement*]

SEC. 18. (a) A judge is disqualified from acting as a judge, without loss of salary, while there is pending (1) an indictment or an information charging him in the United States with a crime punishable as a felony under California or federal law, or (2) a recommendation to the Supreme Court by the Commission on Judicial Qualifications for his removal or retirement.

(b) On recommendation of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications or on its own motion, the Supreme Court may suspend a judge from office without salary when in the United States he pleads guilty or no contest or is found guilty of a crime punishable as a felony under California or federal law or of any other crime that involves moral turpitude under that law. If his conviction is reversed suspension terminates, and he shall be paid his salary for the period of suspension. If he is suspended and his conviction becomes final the Supreme Court shall remove him from office.

(c) On recommendation of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications the Supreme Court may (1) retire a judge for disability that seriously interferes with the performance of his duties and is or is likely to become permanent, and (2) censure or remove a judge for action occurring not more than 6 years prior to the commencement of his current term that constitutes wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute.

(d) A judge retired by the Supreme Court shall be considered to have retired voluntarily. A judge removed by the Supreme Court is ineligible for judicial office and pending further order of the court he is suspended from practicing law in this State.

(e) The Judicial Council shall make rules implementing this section and providing for confidentiality of proceedings. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 19. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 19, below.*]

[*Compensation*]

SEC. 19. The Legislature shall prescribe compensation for judges of courts of record.

A judge of a court of record may not receive his salary while any cause before him remains pending and undetermined for 90 days after it has been submitted for decision. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 20. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 20, below.*]

[*Retirement—Disability*]

SEC. 20. The Legislature shall provide for retirement, with reasonable allowance, of judges of courts of record for age or disability. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 21. [*Repealed November 8, 1966. See Section 21, below.*]

[*Temporary Judges*]

SEC. 21. On stipulation of the parties litigant the court may order a cause to be tried by a temporary judge who is a member of the State Bar, sworn and empowered to act until final determination of the cause. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 22. [*Repealed November 4, 1930. See Section 22, below.*]

[*Appointment of Officers—Subordinate Judicial Duties*]

SEC. 22. The Legislature may provide for the appointment by trial courts of record of officers such as commissioners to perform subordinate judicial duties. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 23. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 24. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 25. [*Repealed November 6, 1956.*]

SEC. 26. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

SEC. 26a. [*Repealed November 6, 1962.*]

ARTICLE VII. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

ARTICLE VIII. [*Repealed November 8, 1966.*]

## ARTICLE IX

## EDUCATION

[*Legislative Policy*]

SECTION 1. A general diffusion of knowledge and intelligence being essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people, the Legislature shall encourage by all suitable means the promotion of intellectual, scientific, moral, and agricultural improvement.

[*Superintendent of Public Instruction—Election—Date of Office*]

SEC. 2. A Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be elected by the qualified electors of the State at each gubernatorial election. He shall enter upon the duties of his office on the first Monday after the first day of January next succeeding his election [*As amended November 8, 1960.*]

[*Deputy and Associate Superintendents of Public Instruction*]

SEC. 2.1. The State Board of Education, on nomination of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall appoint one Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction and three Associate Superintendents of Public Instruction who shall be exempt from State civil service and whose terms of office shall be four years.

This section shall not be construed as prohibiting the appointment, in accordance with law, of additional Associate Superintendents of Public Instruction subject to State civil service. [*New section adopted November 5, 1946.*]

[*County Superintendents of Schools*]

SEC. 3. A Superintendent of Schools for each county shall be elected by the qualified electors thereof at each gubernatorial election; *provided*, that the Legislature may authorize two or more counties to unite and elect one Superintendent for the counties so uniting.

[*County Superintendents of Schools—Qualifications and Salaries*]

SEC. 3.1. Notwithstanding any provision of this Constitution to the contrary, the Legislature shall prescribe the qualifications required of county superintendents of schools and shall fix their salaries, and for these purposes shall classify the several counties in the State. [*New section adopted November 5, 1946.*]

[*County Boards of Education—Qualifications and Terms of Office*]

SEC. 3.3. It shall be competent to provide in any charter framed for a county under any provision of this Constitution, or by the amendment of any such charter, for the election of the members of the county board

of education of such county and for their qualifications and terms of office. [*New section adopted November 5, 1946.*]

SEC. 4. [*Repealed November 3, 1964.*]

[*Common School System*]

SEC. 5. The Legislature shall provide for a system of common schools by which a free school shall be kept up and supported in each district at least six months in every year, after the first year in which a school has been established.

[*Public Schools—Salaries*]

SEC. 6. Each person, other than a substitute employee, employed by a school district as a teacher or in any other position requiring certification qualifications shall be paid a salary which shall be at the rate of an annual salary of not less than twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400) for a person serving full time, as defined by law.

[*Public School System*]

The Public School System shall include all kindergarten schools, elementary schools, secondary schools, technical schools, and State colleges, established in accordance with law and, in addition, the school districts and the other agencies authorized to maintain them. No school or college or any other part of the Public School System shall be, directly or indirectly, transferred from the Public School System or placed under the jurisdiction of any authority other than one included within the Public School System.

[*Support of Public School System—State Aid*]

The Legislature shall add to the State School Fund such other means from the revenues of the State as shall provide in said fund for apportionment in each fiscal year, an amount not less than one hundred and eighty dollars (\$180) per pupil in average daily attendance in the kindergarten schools, elementary schools, secondary schools, and technical schools in the Public School System during the next preceding fiscal year.

The entire State School Fund shall be apportioned in each fiscal year in such manner as the Legislature may provide, through the school districts and other agencies maintaining such schools, for the support of, and aid to, kindergarten schools, elementary schools, secondary schools, and technical schools except that there shall be apportioned to each school district in each fiscal year not less than one hundred twenty dollars (\$120) per pupil in average daily attendance in the district during the next preceding fiscal year and except that the amount apportioned to each school district in each fiscal year shall be not less than twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400).

Solely with respect to any retirement system provided for in the charter of any county or city and county pursuant to the provisions of which the contributions of, and benefits to, certificated employees of a



school district who are members of such system are based upon the proportion of the salaries of such certificated employees contributed by said county or city and county, all amounts apportioned to said county or city and county, or to school districts therein, pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be considered as though derived from county or city and county school taxes for the support of county and city and county government and not money provided by the State within the meaning of this section.

**[School District Taxes]**

The Legislature shall provide for the levying annually by the governing body of each county, and city and county, of such school district taxes, at rates not in excess of the maximum rates of school district tax fixed or authorized by the Legislature, as will produce in each fiscal year such revenue for each school district as the governing board thereof shall determine is required in such fiscal year for the support of all schools and functions of said district authorized or required by law. [*As amended November 6, 1962.*]

**[School Districts—Bonds]**

SEC. 6½. Nothing in this Constitution contained shall forbid the formation of districts for school purposes situate in more than one county \* or the issuance of bonds by such district under such general laws as have been or may hereafter be prescribed by the Legislature; and the officers mentioned in such laws shall be authorized to levy and assess such taxes and perform all such other acts as may be prescribed therein for the purpose of paying such bonds and carrying out the other powers conferred upon such districts; *provided*, that all such bonds shall be issued subject to the limitations prescribed in section eighteen † of article eleven hereof. [*New section adopted November 7, 1922.*]

**[Boards of Education]**

SEC. 7. The Legislature shall provide for the appointment or election of the State Board of Education and a board of education in each county. [*As amended June 2, 1970.*]

**[Free Textbooks]**

SEC. 7.5. The State Board of Education shall adopt textbooks for use in grades one through eight throughout the State, to be furnished without cost as provided by statute. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970.*]

**[Sectarian Schools—Public Money—Doctrines]**

SEC. 8. No public money shall ever be appropriated for the support of any sectarian or denominational school, or any school not under the exclusive control of the officers of the public schools; nor shall any sectarian or denominational doctrine be taught, or instruction thereon

\* See Section 14 of this article

† Former Section 18 of Article XI added to Article XIII as Section 40, June 2, 1970

be permitted, directly or indirectly, in any of the common schools of this State.

*[University of California]*

SEC. 9. (a) The University of California shall constitute a public trust, to be administered by the existing corporation known as "The Regents of the University of California," with full powers of organization and government, subject only to such legislative control as may be necessary to insure compliance with the terms of the endowments of the university and the security of its funds. Said corporation shall be in form a board composed of eight ex officio members, to wit: the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the president of the State Board of Agriculture, the president of the Mechanics Institute of San Francisco, the president of the alumni association of the university and the acting president of the university, and 16 appointive members appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate, a majority of the membership concurring; provided, however that the present appointive members shall hold office until the expiration of their present terms. The terms of the appointive members shall be 16 years; the terms of two appointive members to expire as heretofore on March 1st of every even-numbered calendar year, and in case of any vacancy the term of office of the appointee to fill such vacancy, who shall be appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate, a majority of the membership concurring, to be for the balance of the term as to which such vacancy exists. Said corporation shall be vested with the legal title and the management and disposition of the property of the university and of property held for its benefit and shall have the power to take and hold, either by purchase or by donation, or gift, testamentary or otherwise, or in any other manner, without restriction, all real and personal property for the benefit of the university or incidentally to its conduct. Said corporation shall also have all the powers necessary or convenient for the effective administration of its trust, including the power to sue and to be sued, to use a seal, and to delegate to its committees or to the faculty of the university, or to others, such authority or functions as it may deem wise; provided, that all moneys derived from the sale of public lands donated to this state by act of Congress approved July 2, 1862 (and the several acts amendatory thereof), shall be invested as provided by said acts of Congress and the income from said moneys shall be inviolably appropriated to the endowment, support and maintenance of at least one college of agriculture, where the leading objects shall be (without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics) to teach such branches of learning as are related to scientific and practical agriculture and mechanic arts, in accordance with the requirements and conditions of said acts of Congress; and the Legislature shall provide that if, through neglect, misappropriation, or any other contingency, any portion of the funds so set apart shall be

diminished or lost, the state shall replace such portion so lost or misappropriated, so that the principal thereof shall remain forever undiminished. The university shall be entirely independent of all political or sectarian influence and kept free therefrom in the appointment of its regents and in the administration of its affairs, and no person shall be debarred admission to any department of the university on account of sex.

(b) Meetings of the regents shall be public, with exceptions and notice requirements as may be provided by statute. [*As amended June 6, 1972.*]

[*Leland Stanford Junior University*]

SEC. 10. The trusts and estates created for the founding, endowment and maintenance of the Leland Stanford Junior University, under and in accordance with "An act to advance learning, etc.," approved March ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, by the endowment grant executed by Leland Stanford and Jane Lathrop Stanford on the eleventh day of November, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and recorded in liber eighty-three of deeds, at page twenty-three, *et seq.*, records of Santa Clara County, and by the amendments of such grant, and by gifts, grants, bequests, and devises supplementary thereto, and by confirmatory grants, are permitted, approved and confirmed. The board of trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University, as such, or in the name of the institution, or by other intelligible designation of the trustees or of the institution, may receive property, real or personal, and wherever situated, by gift, grant, devise, or bequest for the benefit of the institution, or of any department thereof, and such property, unless otherwise provided, shall be held by the trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University upon the trusts provided for in the grant founding the university, and amendments thereof, and grants, bequests and devises supplementary thereto. The Legislature, by special act, may grant to the trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University corporate powers and privileges, but it shall not thereby alter their tenure, or limit their powers or obligations as trustees. All property now or hereafter held in trust for the founding, maintenance or benefit of the Leland Stanford Junior University, or of any department thereof, may be exempted by special act from State taxation, and all personal property so held, the Palo Alto farm as described in the endowment grant to the trustees of the university, and all other real property so held and used by the university for educational purposes exclusively, may be similarly exempted from county and municipal taxation; *provided*, that residents of California shall be charged no fees for tuition unless such fees be authorized by act of the Legislature. [*New section adopted November 6, 1900.*]

[*California School of Mechanical Arts*]

SEC. 11. All property now or hereafter belonging to “The California School of Mechanical Arts,” an institution founded and endowed by the late James Lick to educate males and females in the practical arts of life, and incorporated under the laws of the State of California, November twenty-third, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, having its school buildings located in the city and county of San Francisco, shall be exempt from taxation. The trustees of said institution must annually report their proceedings and financial accounts to the Governor. The Legislature may modify, suspend, and revive at will the exemption from taxation herein given. [*New section adopted November 6, 1900.*]

[*California Academy of Sciences*]

SEC. 12. All property now or hereafter belonging to the “California Academy of Sciences,” an institution for the advancement of science and maintenance of a free museum, and chiefly endowed by the late James Lick, and incorporated under the laws of the State of California, January sixteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, having its buildings located in the city and county of San Francisco, shall be exempt from taxation. The trustees of said institution must annually report their proceedings and financial accounts to the Governor. The Legislature may modify, suspend, and revive at will the exemption from taxation herein given. [*New section adopted November 8, 1904.*]

[*Cogswell Polytechnical College*]

SEC. 13. All property now or hereafter belonging to the Cogswell Polytechnical College, an institution for the advancement of learning, incorporated under the laws of the State of California, and having its buildings located in the city and county of San Francisco, shall be exempt from taxation. The trustees of said institution must annually report their proceedings and financial accounts to the Governor. The Legislature may modify, suspend, and revive at will the exemption from taxation herein given. [*New section adopted November 6, 1906.*]

[*School District Incorporation and Organization—Governing Board Powers*]

SEC 14. The Legislature shall have power, by general law, to provide for the incorporation and organization of school districts, high school districts, and community college districts, of every kind and class, and may classify such districts.\*

The Legislature may authorize the governing boards of all school districts to initiate and carry on any programs, activities, or to otherwise act in any manner which is not in conflict with the laws and purposes for which school districts are established. [*As amended November 7, 1972. Operative on July 1, 1973.*]

\* See Section 6½ of this article

[*Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery*]

SEC. 15. The trusts and estates created for the founding, endowment and maintenance of the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery, under and in accordance with an act of the Legislature approved March 10, 1885, chapter forty-seven of the Statutes of California of 1885, by the endowment grant executed by Henry E. Huntington and Arabella D. Huntington on the thirtieth day of August, 1919, and recorded in book 6937, page 97 of deeds, records of Los Angeles, California, on the fifteenth day of September, 1919, and by the amendments of such grant and by gifts and grants supplementary thereto and by confirmatory grants, are permitted, approved and confirmed. The board of trustees of the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery, as such, or in the name of the institution, or by other intelligible designation of the trustees, or of the institution, may receive property, real or personal, and wherever situated, by gift, grant, devise, or bequest, for the benefit of the institution, and such property, unless otherwise provided, shall be held by the trustees of the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery upon the trusts provided for in the grant founding the institution, and amendments thereof and grants supplementary thereto. All property as of July 1, 1929, held in trust for the founding, maintenance or benefit of the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery and the increments thereof and all personal property received in exchange therefor shall be exempt from taxation. The Legislature may modify, suspend and revive at will the exemption from taxation herein given. The trustees of said institution shall annually report their proceedings to the person who for the time being shall fill the office of Secretary of State of the State of California, and said trustees shall accompany said report with a full account of their financial operations for the preceding year and with a statement of the financial affairs of the institution. [*New section adopted November 4, 1930.*]

[*Boards of Education—City Charter Provisions*]

SEC. 16. It shall be competent, in all charters framed under the authority given by Section 5 of Article XI, to provide, in addition to those provisions allowable by this Constitution, and by the laws of the state for the manner in which, the times at which, and the terms for which the members of boards of education shall be elected or appointed, for their qualifications, compensation and removal, and for the number which shall constitute any one of such boards. [*New section adopted June 6, 1972.*]

ARTICLE X. [*Repealed November 7, 1972.*] \*ARTICLE XI. [*Repealed June 2, 1970. See Article XI, below.*]

## ARTICLE XI †

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. [*Repealed June 2, 1970. See Section 1, below.*][*Counties—Formation, Boundaries, Governing Body*]

SEC. 1. (a) The State is divided into counties which are legal subdivisions of the State. The Legislature shall prescribe uniform procedure for county formation, consolidation, and boundary change. Formation or consolidation requires approval by a majority of electors voting on the question in each affected county. A boundary change requires approval by the governing body of each affected county. No county seat shall be removed unless two-thirds of the qualified electors of the county, voting on the proposition at a general election, shall vote in favor of such removal. A proposition of removal shall not be submitted in the same county more than once in four years.

(b) The Legislature shall provide for county powers and an elected governing body in each county. Except as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 4 of this article, each governing body shall prescribe by ordinance the compensation of its members, but the ordinance prescribing such compensation shall be subject to referendum. The Legislature or the governing body may provide for other officers whose compensation shall be prescribed by the governing body. The governing body shall provide for the number, compensation, tenure, and appointment of employees. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970, and amended November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 2. [*Repealed June 2, 1970. See Section 2, below.*][*Cities—Formation, Powers*]

SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature shall prescribe uniform procedure for city formation and provide for city powers.

(b) Except with approval by a majority of its electors voting on the question, a city may not be annexed to or consolidated into another. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 3. [*Repealed June 2, 1970. See Section 3, below.*]

\* Note Section 1 of former Article X as amended June 6, 1972, effective June 7, 1972, until November 8, 1972, reads as follows

SECTION 1 The labor of convicts shall not be let out by contract to any person, copartnership, company or corporation, and the Legislature shall, by law, provide for the working of convicts for the benefit of the State † New Article XI adopted June 2, 1970

*[County or City—Charters]*

SEC. 3. (a) For its own government, a county or city may adopt a charter by majority vote of its electors voting on the question. The charter is effective if approved without change by resolution of the Legislature, by rollcall vote entered in the journal, a majority of the membership of each house concurring. County charters adopted pursuant to this section shall supersede any existing charter and all laws inconsistent therewith. A charter may be amended, revised, or repealed in the same manner.

(b) The governing body or charter commission of a county or city may propose a charter or revision. Amendment or repeal may be proposed by initiative or by the governing body.

(c) An election to determine whether to draft or revise a charter and elect a charter commission may be required by initiative or by the governing body.

(d) If provisions of 2 or more measures approved at the same election conflict, those of the measure receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail. *[New section adopted June 2, 1970.]*

SEC. 4. *[Repealed June 27, 1933. See Section 4, below.]*

*[County Charters—Provisions]*

SEC. 4. County charters shall provide for:

(a) A governing body of 5 or more members, elected (1) by district or, (2) at large, or (3) at large, with a requirement that they reside in a district. Charter counties are subject to statutes that relate to apportioning population of governing body districts.

(b) The compensation, terms, and removal of members of the governing body. If a county charter provides for the Legislature to prescribe the salary of the governing body, such compensation shall be prescribed by the governing body by ordinance.

(c) Other officers, their election or appointment, compensation, terms and removal.

(d) The performance of functions required by statute

(e) The powers and duties of governing bodies and all other county officers, and for consolidation and segregation of county officers, and for the manner of filling all vacancies occurring therein.

(f) The fixing and regulation by governing bodies, by ordinance, of the appointment and number of assistants, deputies, clerks, attachés, and other persons to be employed, and for the prescribing and regulating by such bodies of the powers, duties, qualifications, and compensation of such persons, the times at which, and terms for which they shall be appointed, and the manner of their appointment and removal.

(g) Whenever any county has framed and adopted a charter, and the same shall have been approved by the Legislature as herein provided, the general laws adopted by the Legislature in pursuance of Section 1(b) of this article, shall, as to such county, be superseded by said charter as to matters for which, under this section it is competent to

make provision in such charter, and for which provision is made therein, except as herein otherwise expressly provided.

(h) Charter counties shall have all the powers that are provided by this Constitution or by statute for counties. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970, and amended November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 5. [*Repealed June 2, 1970. See Section 5, below.*]

[*City Charters—Provisions*]

SEC. 5. (a) It shall be competent in any city charter to provide that the city governed thereunder may make and enforce all ordinances and regulations in respect to municipal affairs, subject only to restrictions and limitations provided in their several charters and in respect to other matters they shall be subject to general laws. City charters adopted pursuant to this Constitution shall supersede any existing charter, and with respect to municipal affairs shall supersede all laws inconsistent therewith.

(b) It shall be competent in all city charters to provide, in addition to those provisions allowable by this Constitution, and by the laws of the State for: (1) the constitution, regulation, and government of the city police force (2) subgovernment in all or part of a city (3) conduct of city elections and (4) plenary authority is hereby granted, subject only to the restrictions of this article, to provide therein or by amendment thereto, the manner in which, the method by which, the times at which, and the terms for which the several municipal officers and employees whose compensation is paid by the city shall be elected or appointed, and for their removal, and for their compensation, and for the number of deputies, clerks and other employees that each shall have, and for the compensation, method of appointment, qualifications, tenure of office and removal of such deputies, clerks and other employees. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 5.1. [*Repealed June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 6. [*Repealed June 2, 1970. See Section 6, below.*]

[*Charter City and County*]

SEC. 6. (a) A county and all cities within it may consolidate as a charter city and county as provided by statute.

(b) A charter city and county is a charter city and a charter county. Its charter city powers supersede conflicting charter county powers. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 7. [*Repealed June 2, 1970. See Section 7, below.*]

[*Local Ordinances and Regulations*]

SEC. 7. A county or city may make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 7½. [*Repealed June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 7½a. [*Repealed November 8, 1949.*]

SEC. 7½b. [*Repealed June 2, 1970.*]



SEC. 8. [*Repealed June 2, 1970. See Section 8, below.*]

[*Counties—Performance of Municipal Functions*]

SEC. 8. (a) The Legislature may provide that counties perform municipal functions at the request of cities within them.

(b) If provided by their respective charters, a county may agree with a city within it to assume and discharge specified municipal functions. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 8a. [*Repealed November 8, 1949.*]

SEC. 8½. [*Repealed June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 9. [*Repealed June 27, 1933. See Section 9, below.*]

[*Local Utilities*]

SEC. 9. (a) A municipal corporation may establish, purchase, and operate public works to furnish its inhabitants with light, water, power, heat, transportation, or means of communication. It may furnish those services outside its boundaries, except within another municipal corporation which furnishes the same service and does not consent.

(b) Persons or corporations may establish and operate works for supplying those services upon conditions and under regulations that the city may prescribe under its organic law. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 10. [*Repealed June 2, 1970. See Section 10, below.*]

[*Local Government—Extra Compensation*]

SEC. 10. A local government body may not grant extra compensation or extra allowance to a public officer, public employee, or contractor after service has been rendered or a contract has been entered into and performed in whole or in part, or pay a claim under an agreement made without authority of law. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 11. [*Repealed June 2, 1970. See Section 11, below.*]

[*Private Control of County or Municipal Functions—Prohibition*]

SEC. 11. The Legislature may not delegate to a private person or body power to make, control, appropriate, supervise or interfere with county or municipal corporation improvements, money, or property, or to levy taxes or assessments, or perform municipal functions. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 12. [*As amended June 27, 1933, added to Article XIII as Section 37, June 2, 1970. See Section 12, below.*]

[*Claims Against Counties or Cities, etc.*]

SEC. 12. The Legislature may prescribe procedure for presentation, consideration, and enforcement of claims against counties, cities, their officers, agents, or employees. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970.*]

SEC. 13. [*Repealed June 2, 1970. See Section 13, below.*]

*[Distribution of Powers—Construction of Article]*

SEC. 13. The provisions of Sections 1(b) (except for the second sentence), 3(a), 4, and 5 of this Article relating to matters affecting the distribution of powers between the Legislature and cities and counties, including matters affecting supersession, shall be construed as a restatement of all related provisions of the Constitution in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this amendment, and as making no substantive change.

The terms general law, general laws, and laws, as used in this Article, shall be construed as a continuation and restatement of those terms as used in the Constitution in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this amendment, and not as effecting a change in meaning.  
*[New section adopted June 2, 1970.]*

SEC. 13½. *[As amended November 3, 1914, added to Article XIII as Section 37.5, June 2, 1970.]*

SEC. 14. *[Repealed June 2, 1970.]*

SEC. 15. *[Repealed June 2, 1970.]*

SEC. 16. *[Added to Article XIII as Section 38, June 2, 1970.]*

SEC. 16½. *[As amended November 8, 1932, added to Article XIII as Section 39, June 2, 1970.]*

SEC. 17. *[Repealed June 2, 1970.]*

SEC. 18. *[As amended November 8, 1949, added to Article XIII as Section 40, June 2, 1970.]*

SEC. 18¼. *[Repealed June 2, 1970.]*

SEC. 18½. *[Repealed November 8, 1949.]*

SEC. 19. *[Repealed June 2, 1970.]*

SEC. 20. *[Repealed June 2, 1970.]*

## ARTICLE XII

## CORPORATIONS

SECTION 1. *[Repealed June 6, 1972.]*

SEC. 2. *[Repealed November 4, 1930.]*

SEC. 3. *[Repealed November 4, 1930.]*

SEC. 4. *[Repealed June 6, 1972.]*

SEC. 5. *[Repealed June 6, 1972.]*

SEC. 6. *[Repealed June 6, 1972.]*

SEC. 7. *[Repealed June 6, 1972.]*

SEC. 8. *[Repealed June 6, 1972.]*

SEC. 9. *[Repealed November 4, 1930.]*

*[Liabilities Under Franchise]*

SEC. 10. The Legislature shall not pass any laws permitting the leasing or alienation of any franchise, so as to relieve the franchise or property held thereunder from the liabilities of the lessor or grantor, lessee or grantee, contracted or incurred in the operation, use or enjoyment of such franchise, or any of its privileges.

- SEC. 11. [*Repealed November 4, 1930.*]  
SEC. 12. [*Repealed November 4, 1930.*]  
SEC. 13. [*Repealed June 6, 1972.*]  
SEC. 14. [*Repealed November 4, 1930.*]  
SEC. 15. [*Repealed June 6, 1972.*]  
SEC. 16. [*Repealed June 6, 1972.*]

*[Common Carriers—Connecting Roads]*

SEC. 17. All railroad, canal, and other transportation companies are declared to be common carriers, and subject to legislative control. Any association or corporation, organized for the purpose, under the laws of this State, shall have the right to connect at the State line with railroads of other States. Every railroad company shall have the right with its road to intersect, connect with, or cross any other railroad, and shall receive and transport each the other's passengers, tonnage, and cars, without delay or discrimination.

*[Railroad Official Not to Contract With Company—Unlawful Interest]*

SEC. 18. No president, director, officer, agent, or employee of any railroad or canal company shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in the furnishing of material or supplies to such company, nor in the business of transportation as a common carrier of freight or passengers over the works owned, leased, controlled, or worked by such company, except such interest in the business of transportation as lawfully flows from the ownership of stock therein.

*[Public Officials Not to Receive Passes]*

SEC. 19. No railroad or other transportation company shall grant free passes, or passes or tickets at a discount, to any person holding any office of honor, trust, or profit in this State; and the acceptance of any such pass or ticket, by a member of the Legislature or any public officer, other than Railroad Commissioner, shall work a forfeiture of his office.

*[No Increase of Rates Without Consent of Public Utilities Commission]*

SEC. 20.\* No railroad or other transportation company shall raise any rate of charge for the transportation of freight or passengers or any charge connected therewith or incidental thereto, under any circumstances whatsoever, except upon a showing before the Railroad Commission provided for in this Constitution, that such increase is justified, and the decision of the said commission upon the showing so made shall not be subject to review by any court except upon the question whether such decision of the commission will result in confiscation of property. [*As amended October 10, 1911.*]

\* See Sections 22 and 23 of this article

*[Discrimination in Transportation Charges on Facilities Prohibited]*

SEC. 21. No discrimination in charges or facilities for transportation shall be made by any railroad or other transportation company between places or persons, or in the facilities for the transportation of the same classes of freight or passengers within this State. It shall be unlawful for any railroad or other transportation company to charge or receive any greater compensation in the aggregate for the transportation of passengers or of like kind of property for a shorter than for a longer distance over the same line or route in the same direction, the shorter being included within the longer distance, or to charge any greater compensation as a through rate than the aggregate of the intermediate rates.

*[Exceptions]*

*Provided, however,* that upon application to the Railroad Commission provided for in this Constitution such company may, in special cases, after investigation, be authorized by such commission to charge less for longer than for shorter distances for the transportation of persons or property and the Railroad Commission may from time to time prescribe the extent to which such company may be relieved from the prohibition to charge less for the longer than for the shorter haul. The Railroad Commission shall have power to authorize the issuance of excursion and commutation tickets at special rates.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Railroad Commission from ordering and compelling any railroad or other transportation company to make reparation to any shipper on account of the rates charged to said shipper being excessive or discriminatory, provided no discrimination will result from such reparation. *[As amended October 10, 1911.]*

*[Public Utilities Commission—Creation, Powers and Duties]*

SEC. 22. The Railroad Commission is continued in existence as the Public Utilities Commission, which shall consist of five members. The commission shall be appointed by the Governor from the State at large; provided, that the Legislature, in its discretion, may divide the State into districts for the purpose of such appointments, said districts to be as nearly equal in population as practicable; and provided further that the three commissioners in office at the time this section takes effect shall serve out the term for which they were elected, and that two additional commissioners shall be appointed by the Governor immediately after the adoption of this section, to hold office during the same term. Upon the expiration of said term, the term of office of each commissioner thereafter shall be six years, except the commissioners first appointed hereunder after such expiration, one of whom shall be appointed to hold office until January 1, 1917, two until January 1, 1919, and two until January 1, 1921. Whenever a vacancy in the office of commissioner shall occur, the Governor shall forthwith appoint a qualified person to fill the same for the unexpired term. Every

appointment made by the Governor to the commission shall be subject to the advice and consent of a majority of the members elected to the Senate, except that if a vacancy occurs when the Legislature is not in session, the Governor may issue an interim commission which shall expire on the last day of the next regular or special session of the Legislature. Commissioners appointed for regular terms shall, at the beginning of the term for which they are appointed, and those appointed to fill vacancies, shall, immediately upon their appointment, enter upon the duties of their offices. The Legislature shall fix the salaries of the commissioners, but pending such action the salaries of the commissioners, their officers and employees shall remain as now fixed by law. The Legislature shall have the power, by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House, to remove any one or more of said commissioners from office for dereliction of duty or corruption or incompetency. All of said commissioners shall be qualified electors of this State, and no person in the employ of or holding any official relation to any person, firm or corporation, which said person, firm or corporation is subject to regulation by said Public Utilities Commission and no person owning stock or bonds of any such corporation or who is in any manner pecuniarily interested therein, shall be appointed to or hold the office of Public Utilities Commissioner. No vacancy in the commission shall impair the right of the remaining commissioners to exercise all the powers of the commission. The act of a majority of the commissioners when in session as a board shall be deemed to be the act of the commission; but any investigation, inquiry or hearing which the commission has power to undertake or to hold may be undertaken or held by or before any commissioner designated for the purpose by the commission, and every order made by a commissioner so designated, pursuant to such inquiry, investigation or hearing, when approved or confirmed by the commission and ordered filed in its office, shall be deemed to be the order of the commission.

Said commission shall have the power to establish rates of charges for the transportation of passengers and freight by railroads and other transportation companies, and no railroad or other transportation company shall charge or demand or collect or receive a greater or less or different compensation for such transportation of passengers or freight, or for any service in connection therewith, between the points named in any tariff of rates, established by said commission than the rates, fares and charges which are specified in such tariff. The commission shall have the further power to examine books, records and papers of all railroad and other transportation companies; to hear and determine complaints against railroad and other transportation companies; to issue subpoenas and all necessary process and send for persons and papers; and the commission and each of the commissioners shall have the power to administer oaths, take testimony and punish for contempt in the same manner and to the same extent as courts of record; the commission may prescribe a uniform system of accounts to be kept by all railroad and other transportation companies.

No provision of this Constitution shall be construed as a limitation upon the authority of the Legislature to confer upon the Public Utilities Commission additional powers of the same kind or different from those conferred herein which are not inconsistent with the powers conferred upon the Public Utilities Commission in this Constitution, and the authority of the Legislature to confer such additional powers is expressly declared to be plenary and unlimited by any provision of this Constitution.

Whenever in this Constitution or the laws of this State "Railroad Commission" is used, it shall be deemed to refer to the Public Utilities Commission. [*As amended November 6, 1962.*]

[*Public Utilities—Supervision—Regulation*]

SEC. 23. Every private corporation, and every individual or association of individuals, owning, operating, managing, or controlling any commercial railroad, interburban [*sic*] railroad, street railroad, canal, pipe line, plant, or equipment, or any part of such railroad, canal, pipe line, plant or equipment within this State, for the transportation or conveyance of passengers, or express matter, or freight of any kind, including crude oil, or for the transmission of telephone or telegraph messages, or for the production, generation, transmission, delivery or furnishing of heat, light, water or power or for the furnishing of storage or wharfage facilities, either directly or indirectly, to or for the public, and every common carrier, is hereby declared to be a public utility subject to such control and regulation by the Railroad Commission as may be provided by the Legislature, and every class of private corporations, individuals, or associations of individuals hereafter declared by the Legislature to be public utilities shall likewise be subject to such control and regulation. The Railroad Commission shall have and exercise such power and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate public utilities, in the State of California, and to fix the rates to be charged for commodities furnished, or services rendered by public utilities as shall be conferred upon it by the Legislature, and the right of the Legislature to confer powers upon the Railroad Commission respecting public utilities is hereby declared to be plenary and to be unlimited by any provision of this Constitution. From and after the passage by the Legislature of laws conferring powers upon the Railroad Commission respecting public utilities, all powers respecting such public utilities vested in boards of supervisors, or municipal councils, or other governing bodies of the several counties, cities and counties, cities and towns, in this State, or in any commission created by law and existing at the time of the passage of such laws, shall cease so far as such powers shall conflict with the powers so conferred upon the Railroad Commission; *provided, however*, that this section shall not affect such powers of control over public utilities as relate to the making and enforcement of local, police, sanitary and other regulations, other than the fixing of rates, vested in any city and county or incorporated city or town as, at an election to be held pursuant to law, a majority of the

qualified electors of such city and county, or incorporated city or town, voting thereon, shall vote to retain, and until such election such powers shall continue unimpaired; but if the vote so taken shall not favor the continuation of such powers they shall thereafter vest in the Railroad Commission as provided by law; *and provided, further*, that where any such city and county or incorporated city or town shall have elected to continue any of its powers to make and enforce such local, police, sanitary and other regulations, other than the fixing of rates, it may, by vote of a majority of its qualified electors voting thereon, thereafter surrender such powers to the Railroad Commission in the manner prescribed by the Legislature; *and provided, further*, that this section shall not affect the right of any city and county or incorporated city or town to grant franchises for public utilities upon the terms and conditions and in the manner prescribed by law. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a limitation upon any power conferred upon the Railroad Commission by any provision of this Constitution now existing or adopted concurrently herewith. [*As amended November 3, 1914.*]

*[Public Utilities Commission—Compensation in Eminent Domain Proceedings]*

SEC. 23a. The Railroad Commission shall have and exercise such power and jurisdiction as shall be conferred upon it by the Legislature to fix the just compensation to be paid for the taking of any property of a public utility in eminent domain proceedings by the State or any county, city and county, incorporated city or town, municipal water district, irrigation district or other public corporation or district, and the right of the Legislature to confer such powers upon the Railroad Commission is hereby declared to be plenary and to be unlimited by any provision of this Constitution. All acts of the Legislature heretofore adopted which are in accordance herewith are hereby confirmed and declared valid. [*As amended November 4, 1924.*]

SEC. 24. [*Repealed June 6, 1972.*]

## ARTICLE XIII

### REVENUE AND TAXATION

*[Property Taxation—Ad Valorem Taxes]*

SECTION 1. All property in the State except as otherwise in this Constitution provided, not exempt under the laws of the United States, shall be taxed in proportion to its value, to be ascertained as provided by law, or as hereinafter provided.\* The word "property," as used in this article and section, is hereby declared to include moneys, credits, bonds, stocks, dues, franchises, and all other matters and things, real, personal, and mixed, capable of private ownership; *provided*, that a mortgage, deed of trust, contract, or other obligation by which a debt is secured when land is pledged as security for the payment thereof, together with the money represented by such debt, shall not be

\* See Section 37 of this article

considered property subject to taxation; \* *and further provided*, that property used for free public libraries and free museums, growing crops, property used exclusively for public schools, and such as may belong to this State, or to any county, city and county, or municipal corporation within this State shall be exempt from taxation, except such lands and the improvements thereon located outside of the county, city and county or municipal corporation owning the same as were subject to taxation at the time of the acquisition of the same by said county, city and county, or municipal corporation; *provided*, that no improvements of any character whatever constructed by any county, city and county or municipal corporation shall be subject to taxation. All lands or improvements thereon, belonging to any county, city and county or municipal corporation, not exempt from taxation, shall be assessed by the assessor of the county, city and county or municipal corporation in which said lands or improvements are located, and said assessment shall be subject to review, equalization and adjustment by the State Board of Equalization. The Legislature may provide, except in the case of credits secured by mortgage or trust deed, for a deduction from credits of debts due to bona fide residents of this State. [*As amended November 6, 1962.*]

[*College Exemption*]

SEC. 1a. Any educational institution of collegiate grade within the State of California, not conducted for profit, shall hold exempt from taxation its buildings and equipment, its ground within which its buildings are located, its securities and income used exclusively for the purposes of education.

The exemption granted by this section applies to and includes a building in the course of construction on or after the first Monday of March 1950, and the land on which the building is located, if the property is intended when completed to be used exclusively for the purposes of education. [*As amended November 6, 1962.*]

[*Exemption of Burial Plots, etc.*]

SEC. 1b. All property used or held exclusively for the burial or other permanent deposit of the human dead or for the care, maintenance or upkeep of such property or such dead, except as used or held for profit, shall be free from taxation and local assessment. [*New section adopted November 2, 1926.*]

[*Exemption of Property Used for Religious, Hospital, or Charitable Purposes—Buildings Under Construction*]

SEC. 1c. In addition to such exemptions as are now provided in this Constitution, the Legislature may exempt from taxation all or any portion of property used exclusively for religious, hospital or charitable purposes and owned by community chests, funds, foundations or corporations organized and operated for religious, hospital or charitable

\* See Section 14 of this article



purposes, not conducted for profit and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. As used in this section, "property used exclusively for religious, hospital or charitable purposes" shall include a building and its equipment in the course of construction on or after the first Monday of March, 1954, together with the land on which it is located as may be required for the use and occupation of the building, to be used exclusively for religious, hospital or charitable purposes. [*As amended November 2, 1954.*]

[*Homeowners' Property Tax Exemption*]

SEC. 1d. The homeowners' property tax exemption shall apply to each dwelling, as defined by the Legislature, occupied by an owner thereof on the lien date as his principal place of residence. This exemption shall not apply to any dwelling if an owner thereof has been granted an exemption for the assessment year pursuant to Section 1¼, 1¼a or 1¼b of this article, nor shall it apply to any property which the Legislature, by general laws, excludes from the exemption by reason of the fact that the tax on such property is paid either in whole or in part, either directly or indirectly, by the state or any political subdivision thereof. Only one homeowners' property tax exemption shall apply to each dwelling.

There is exempt from taxation the amount of \$750 of the assessed value of the dwelling and this shall be known as the homeowners' property tax exemption. The amount of the exemption may be increased or decreased by the Legislature, a majority of all of the members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof, but such exemption shall not be reduced below \$750 of such assessed value.

The Legislature shall provide by general laws for subventions to counties, cities and counties, cities, and districts in this state in an amount equal to the amount of revenue lost by each such county, city and county, city, and district by reason of the homeowners' property tax exemption. No increase by the Legislature in the homeowners' property tax exemption above the amount of \$750 shall be effective for any fiscal year, unless the Legislature increases the rate of state taxes in an amount sufficient to provide subventions, and shall provide subventions, during such fiscal year to each county, city and county, city and district in this state a sum equal to the amount of revenue lost by each by reason of such increase.

Any revenues subvented by the state to replace revenues lost by reason of the homeowners' property tax exemption may be used by a county, city and county, city, or district for state purposes or for county, city and county, city, or district purposes, as the case may be.

Nothing in this Constitution shall constitute a limitation on the taxation of property, or on the bonding capacity of the state or of any city, city and county, county, or district, when based on a percentage of assessed or market value of property; provided, however, that the Legislature may establish maximum property tax rates and bonding limitations for units of local government.

For the 1968–1969 fiscal year only, the Legislature may effect the exemption by payment of \$70 to taxpayers in the manner specified in Senate Bill No. 8 of the 1968 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, the provisions of which are hereby ratified. [*New section adopted November 5, 1968.*]

[*Veterans' Property Tax Exemption*]

SEC. 1¼. The (a) property to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of every resident of this State who has served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Revenue Marine (Revenue Cutter) Service of the United States (1) in time of war, or (2) in time of peace, in a campaign or expedition for service in which a medal has been issued by the Congress of the United States, and in either case has received an honorable discharge therefrom, or who after such service of the United States under such conditions has continued in such service, or who in time of war is in such service, or (3) who has been released from active duty because of disability resulting from such service in time of peace or under other honorable conditions, or lacking such amount of property in his own name, so much of the property of the wife of any such person as shall be necessary to equal said amount shall be exempt from taxation; provided, this exemption shall not apply to any person described in this subparagraph (a) owning property of the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more, or where the wife of such person owns property of the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more; and (b) property to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the widow resident in this State, or if there be no such widow, of the widowed mother resident in this State, of every person who has so served and has died either during his term of service or after receiving an honorable discharge from said service, or who has been released from active duty because of disability resulting from such service in time of peace or under other honorable conditions shall be exempt from taxation; provided this exemption shall not apply to any widow described in this subparagraph (b) owning property of the value of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more, nor to any widowed mother described in this subparagraph (b) owning property of the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more; and (c) property to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of pensioned widows, fathers, and mothers, resident in this State, of soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Revenue Marine (Revenue Cutter) Service of the United States shall be exempt from taxation; provided, this exemption shall not apply to any person described in this subparagraph (c) owning property of the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more.

No exemption shall be made under the provisions of this section of the property of a person who is not legal resident of the State. No person described in this section who has served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Revenue Marine (Revenue Cutter) Service of the United States, nor a widow, father, or mother of such person, shall

be eligible for an exemption as a result of such service, unless such person was a resident of California either or both (1) at the time of his entry into such service or (2) at the effective date of the amendment of this sentence as proposed at the 1963 Regular Session of the Legislature, except that a widow, father or mother who was eligible for the exemption at the effective date of said amendment of this sentence shall not lose his or her eligibility for the exemption as a result of that amendment. All real property owned by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and all property owned by the California Soldiers Widows Home Association shall be exempt from taxation. [*As amended November 3, 1964.*]

[*Veterans' Property Tax Exemption—Disabled*]

SEC. 1¼a. The Legislature may exempt from taxation, in whole or in part, the property, constituting a home, of:

(a) every resident of this state who, by reason of his or her military or naval service, is qualified for the exemption provided in Section 1¼ of this article, without regard to any limitation contained therein on the value of property owned by such person or his or her spouse, and who, by reason of a permanent and total service-connected disability incurred in such military or naval service due to the loss, or loss of use, as the result of amputation, ankylosis, progressive muscular dystrophies, or paralysis, of both lower extremities, such as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair, has received assistance from the Government of the United States in the acquisition of such property, or:

(b) every resident of this state who, by reason of his or her military or naval service, is qualified for the exemption provided in Section 1¼ of this article, without regard to any limitation contained therein on the value of property owned by such person or his or her spouse, and who, by reason of a permanent and total service-connected disability incurred in such military or naval service (1) has suffered the loss, or loss of use of both arms, as the result of amputation, ankylosis, progressive muscular dystrophies, or paralysis, or (2) is blind in both eyes with a visual acuity of 5/200 or less and has suffered the loss or loss of use, as the result of amputation, ankylosis, progressive muscular dystrophies, or paralysis, of one lower extremity or one arm or (3) has suffered the loss or loss of use, as a result of amputation, ankylosis, progressive muscular dystrophies, or paralysis, of both an upper and lower extremity, or:

(c) the surviving spouse of every such person qualifying for an exemption under subdivision (a) or (b), if the home was acquired as described in subdivision (a) or (b); except that such exemption shall not extend to more than one home nor exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for any person, for any person and his or her spouse, or for the surviving spouse of such person. This exemption shall be in lieu of the exemption provided in Section 1¼ of this article.

Where such totally disabled person, such person and his or her

spouse, or the surviving spouse of such person, sells or otherwise disposes of such property and thereafter acquires, with or without the assistance of the Government of the United States, any other property which such totally disabled person, such person and his or her spouse, or the surviving spouse of such person, occupies habitually as a home, the exemption allowed pursuant to the first paragraph of this section shall be allowed to such other property.

This section shall not apply to a surviving spouse upon his or her remarriage. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

[*Veterans' Property Tax Exemption—Blind*]

SEC. 1¼b. The Legislature may exempt from taxation, in whole or in part, the property, constituting a home, of every resident of this state who, by reason of his military or naval service, is qualified for the exemption provided in subdivision (a) of Section 1¼ of this article, without regard to any limitation contained therein on the value of property owned by such person or his spouse, and who, by reason of a permanent and total service-connected disability incurred in such military or naval service is blind in both eyes with visual acuity of 5/200 or less; except that such exemption shall not extend to more than one home nor exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for any person or for any person and his spouse. This exemption shall be in lieu of the exemption provided in subdivision (a) of Section 1¼ of this article.

Where such blind person sells or otherwise disposes of such property and thereafter acquires, with or without the assistance of the government of the United States, any other property which such totally disabled person occupies habitually as a home, the exemption allowed pursuant to the first paragraph of this section shall be allowed to such other property.

The exemption provided by this section shall apply to the home of such a person which is owned by a corporation of which he is a shareholder, the rights of shareholding in which entitle him to possession of a home owned by the corporation. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

[*Exemption of Church Property—Church Buildings Under Construction—Parking Lots*]

SEC. 1½. All buildings and equipment, and so much of the real property on which they are situated as may be required for the convenient use and occupation of said buildings, when the same are used solely and exclusively for religious worship, and any building and its equipment in the course of erection, together with the land on which it is located as may be required for the convenient use and occupation of the building, if such building, equipment and land are intended to be used solely and exclusively for religious worship, and, until the Legislature shall otherwise provide by law, that real property owned by the owner of the building which the owner is required by law to make available for, and which is necessarily and reasonably required and

exclusively used for the parking of the automobiles of persons while attending or engaged in religious worship in said building whether or not said real property is contiguous to land on which said building is located, and which real property has not been rented or used for any commercial purpose at any other time during the preceding year, shall be free from taxation; provided, that no building so used or, if in the course of erection, intended to be so used, its equipment or the land on which it is located, which may be rented for religious purposes and rent received by the owner therefor, shall be exempt from taxation. [*As amended November 6, 1956.*]

[*Exemption of Property of Orphanages*]

SEC. 1½a. All buildings, and so much of the real property connected therewith as may be required for the occupation of institutions sheltering more than twenty orphan or half-orphan children receiving State aid shall be free from taxation; *provided*, that no building or real or personal property so used which may be rented and the rent received by the owner therefor shall be exempt from taxation under the terms of this act. [*New section adopted November 2, 1920.*]

SEC. 1.6. [*Repealed November 8, 1949.*]

[*Taxable Land Owned by a County, City and County, or Municipal Corporation Outside Its Boundaries*]

SEC. 1.60. Any lands owned by any county, city and county, or municipal corporation subject to taxation pursuant to Section 1 of this article shall be taxed in proportion to the value thereof to be ascertained as provided in said section; provided, however, that for any year subsequent to 1968 such value, with respect to any of said lands located in any county in which the aggregate assessed value of all property owned by any county, city and county, or municipal corporation was over 30% of the total assessed value of all property taxed in said county in 1967, shall be, and with respect to all other said lands, shall not be more than, an amount determined as follows:

(a) Any said lands subject to taxation on the lien date in 1967, whether or not so owned on said date, at the value assessed on said date, adjusted by a factor which shall be the ratio of (1) the total statewide assessed valuation of lands on the latest date prior to the date of assessment divided by the estimated civilian population of the state on the latest date prior to the date of assessment, to (2) the total statewide assessed valuation of lands on the lien date in 1967, divided by the estimated civilian population of the state on that date, which for the purpose of this section is deemed to be eight hundred fifty-six dollars (\$856).

(b) Any said lands acquired subsequent to the lien date in 1967 which were assessed on said date as part of a larger tax parcel, shall be assessed as hereinabove provided, by fixing the assessed value therefor on the lien date in 1967 as the proportion of the assessment of said parcel

on said date determined by the ratio of the area of any said lands to the area of the tax parcel of which they were a part on said date.

(c) The total statewide assessed valuation of lands shall be the amount and the estimate of civilian population shall be the number for the latest dates prior to the date of assessment as determined and published by those state agencies responsible therefor. For each year subsequent to 1968, the Controller of the state shall determine the factor to be used as hereinabove provided. [*New section adopted November 5, 1968.*]

[*Equalization, Etc.*]

SEC. 1.61. Any review, equalization and adjustment by the State Board of Equalization made pursuant to Section 1 shall be limited to a determination that such assessments are made in the manner specified in Sections 1.60, 1.62 and 1.63. [*New section adopted November 5, 1968.*]

[*Assessment Subsequent to 1968—Validity*]

SEC. 1.62. For the purpose of assessing in any year subsequent to 1968 any lands owned by any county, city and county or municipal corporation in any county in which the aggregate assessed value of all property owned by any county, city and county or municipal corporation was over 30 percent of the total assessed value of all property taxed in said county in 1967, the assessment of any said lands on the lien date in 1967 shall be conclusively presumed to have been valid in every respect, and any action by any board, court or other reviewing body with respect to said assessment subsequent to July 1, 1968, shall be of no effect; and any said lands assessed on the lien date in 1967 shall be conclusively presumed to be subject to taxation in any year subsequent to 1968 and to be assessable and taxable in any year subsequent to 1968 at the situs at which they were assessed on the lien date in 1967, any other provision of this article to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, any divestment of ownership of such land without water rights shall not diminish the quantity of water rights assessable and taxable at the situs as of the lien date in 1967. The assessment of all lands owned by any county, city and county, or municipal corporation on the lien date in 1967 shall further be conclusively presumed to have included all of the interest in said lands so owned by said county, city and county, or municipal corporation, and no other or additional interest in said lands shall thereafter be assessed to any county, city and county or municipal corporation. Any such lands not assessed on the lien date in 1967 shall not thereafter be subject to taxation while so owned. Any said lands acquired subsequent to the lien date in 1967 which were not assessed on said date and each lien date thereafter shall not be subject to taxation while so owned. [*New section adopted November 5, 1968.*]

*[Assessment of Improvements Subsequent to March 1954]*

SEC. 1.63. No replacement or substitution, made subsequent to March 1954, of improvements belonging to any county, city and county, or municipal corporation, shall, while owned by and in the possession of any county, city and county, or municipal corporation, be assessed at more than the highest value ever assessed upon the improvement replaced by such replacement or substitution improvement. *[New section adopted November 5, 1968.]*

*["Lands" Defined]*

SEC. 1.64. The term "lands" as used in Section 1 and Sections 1.60 to 1.69, inclusive, of this article shall mean lands and any interest in lands including, but not limited to, all right to water or to the use or flow of water in or from any natural stream, lake or watercourse or in or from any ground water source. *[New section adopted November 5, 1968.]*

*["County, City and County, or Municipal Corporation" Defined]*

SEC. 1.65. "County, city and county, or municipal corporation," as used in Section 1 and Sections 1.60 to 1.69, inclusive, of this article, shall be deemed to include any public district or public agency. *[New section adopted November 5, 1968.]*

*[Water Usage Outside Public Agency Not Basis for Assessment]*

SEC. 1.66. No tax, charge, assessment or levy of any character or kind whatsoever, other than those taxes and assessments provided for in Sections 1 and 1.60 to 1.65, inclusive, of this article, by any county or other public agency, to which any county, city and county or municipal corporation may be subject by reason of the production, gathering, storage, transmission, sale or use of water by it, shall be based upon or calculated upon the consumption or use of such water outside the boundaries of any such county or other public agency. *[New section adopted November 5, 1968.]*

*["Lien Date in 1967" and "1967" Defined]*

SEC. 1.67. For the purpose of assessing in any year subsequent to 1968 any lands owned by any county, city and county or municipal corporation, which lands were assessed to such county, city and county or municipal corporation on the lien date in 1966 in any county in which the aggregate assessed value of all property owned by any county, city and county or municipal corporation was more than 35 percent of the total assessed value of all property taxed in said county in 1966, the terms "lien date in 1967" and "1967," wherever used in Sections 1.60 to 1.66, inclusive, of this article, shall be deemed to be "lien date in 1966" and "1966," respectively, and the amount of eight hundred fifty-six dollars (\$856) in Section 1.60 of this article shall be deemed to be seven hundred sixty-six dollars (\$766). *[New section adopted November 5, 1968.]*

*[Taxable Interest in "Lands"]*

SEC. 1.68. Any interest of any character or kind whatsoever, other than a lease for agricultural purposes, owned, claimed, possessed or controlled by any person other than a county, city and county or municipal corporation in any lands owned by any county, city and county or municipal corporation, which lands are subject to taxation pursuant to Section 1 of this article, shall be taxable to such person except to the extent that such person or such interest is expressly exempted from taxation by the provisions of this Constitution. Such interest shall be taxed to such person in proportion to the value thereof to be ascertained as provided in Section 1 of this article; provided, however, that such value shall not exceed the aggregate value so ascertained of all interests in said lands reduced by the value of the interests in said lands owned by any county, city and county or municipal corporation ascertained as provided in Sections 1.60 to 1.67, inclusive, of this article. [*New section adopted November 5, 1968.*]

*[Exemption From Taxation of Interest in Property]*

SEC. 1.69. Nothing in Sections 1.60 to 1.67, inclusive, of this article shall be construed as exempting from taxation any interest in property of any character or kind whatsoever owned, claimed, possessed or controlled by any person other than a county, city and county or municipal corporation, or as rendering such interest taxable by any method other than that provided for in Section 1 of this article; nor shall such interest be considered as constituting property or lands owned by a county, city and county or municipal corporation for the purpose of computing any of the percentage figures required to be computed in determining the applicability of any of the provisions of Sections 1.60, 1.62 or 1.67 of this article. [*New section adopted November 5, 1968.*]

*[Exemption of State, Municipal, and District Bonds]*

SEC. 1¾. All bonds hereafter issued by the State of California, or by any county, city and county, municipal corporation, or district (including school, reclamation, and irrigation districts) within said State, shall be free and exempt from taxation. [*New section adopted November 4, 1902.*]

*[Land and Improvements Separately Assessed]*

SEC. 2. Land, and the improvements thereon, shall be separately assessed. Cultivated and uncultivated land, of the same quality, and similarly situated, shall be assessed at the same value.

*[Single-family Dwellings—Valuation]*

SEC. 2.5. The Legislature may by law prohibit the valuation of single-family dwellings for purposes of property taxation at any value greater than that which would reflect the use of the property as a site for a single-family dwelling.

As used in this section, "single-family dwelling" means a single-family



dwelling occupied by an owner thereof on the lien date and so much of the land on which it is situated as may be required for the convenient use and occupation of such dwelling, if such dwelling is on land which is zoned exclusively for single-family home use or which is zoned for agricultural use where single-family homes are permitted. [*New section adopted June 6, 1972.*]

[*Nonprofit Golf Courses—Tax Assessment*]

SEC. 2.6. In assessing real property consisting of one parcel of 10 acres or more and used exclusively for nonprofit golf course purposes for at least two successive years prior to the assessment, the assessor shall consider no factors other than those relative to such use. He may, however, take into consideration the existence of any mines, minerals and quarries in the property, including, but not limited to oil, gas and other hydrocarbon substances. [*New section adopted November 8, 1960.*]

[*Tax Relief in Disaster Areas*]

SEC. 2.8. The Legislature shall have the power to authorize local taxing agencies to provide for the assessment or reassessment of taxable property where after the lien date for a given tax year taxable property is damaged or destroyed by a major misfortune or calamity and the damaged or destroyed property is located in an area or region which was subsequently proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of disaster. [*As amended November 8, 1966.*]

[*Method of Assessment of Land Sectionized and Not Sectionized*]

SEC. 3. Every tract of land containing more than six hundred and forty acres and which has been sectionized by the United States Government, shall be assessed, for the purposes of taxation, by sections or fractions of sections. The Legislature shall provide by law for the assessment, in small tracts, of all lands not sectionized by the United States Government.

[*Exemption of Vessels*]

SEC. 4. All vessels of more than 50 tons burden registered at any port in this State and engaged in the transportation of freight or passengers shall be exempt from taxation except for state purposes. [*As amended November 2, 1954.*]

SEC. 5. [*Repealed November 6, 1906.*]

[*Impairment of Taxing Power*]

SEC. 6. The power of taxation shall never be surrendered or suspended by any grant or contract to which the State shall be a party.

*[Payment of Real Property Taxes by Installments]*

SEC. 7. The Legislature shall have the power to provide by law for the payment of all taxes on real property by installments.

SEC. 8. *[Repealed November 8, 1966.]*

SEC. 8a. *[Repealed November 8, 1949.]*

*[State and County Boards of Equalization]*

SEC. 9. A State Board of Equalization, consisting of four members, shall be elected by the qualified electors of their respective districts, at each gubernatorial election, whose term of office shall be for four years; whose duty it shall be be *[sic]* to equalize the valuation of the taxable property in the several counties of the State for the purposes of taxation. The Controller of State shall be ex officio a member of the board. The boards of supervisors of the several counties of the State shall constitute boards of equalization for their respective counties, whose duty it shall be to equalize the valuation of the taxable property in the county for the purpose of taxation; provided, such state and county boards of equalization are hereby authorized and empowered, under such rules of notice as the county boards may prescribe, as to the county assessments, and under such rules of notice as the state board may prescribe as to the action of the state board, to increase or lower the entire assessment roll, or any assessment contained therein, so as to equalize the assessment of the property contained in said assessment roll, and make the assessment conform to the true value in money of the property contained in said roll; provided, that no board of equalization shall raise any mortgage, deed of trust, contract, or other obligation by which a debt is secured, money, or solvent credits, above its face value. The present State Board of Equalization shall continue in office until their successors, as herein provided for, shall be elected and shall qualify. The Legislature shall have power to redistrict the State into four districts as nearly equal in population as practical, and to provide for the elections of members of said Board of Equalization. *[As amended November 8, 1960.]*

*[Unsecured Taxes]*

SEC. 9a. The taxes levied for any current tax year upon personal property and assessments upon possession of, claim to, or right to the possession of land and upon taxable improvements located on land exempt from taxation, which are not a lien upon land sufficient in value to secure their payment, shall be based upon the rates for taxes levied for the preceding tax year upon property of the same kind where the taxes were a lien upon land sufficient in value to secure the payment thereof. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the equalization each year of the assessment on such property in the manner now or hereafter provided by law. *[As amended November 3, 1936.]*

*[County Assessment Appeals Boards]*

SEC. 9.5. (a) The board of supervisors of any county may by ordinance create assessment appeals boards for the county.

When created and in existence assessment appeals boards shall constitute boards of equalization for their respective counties. Each board shall have the power to equalize the valuation of the taxable property in the county for the purpose of taxation in the manner provided for in Section 9 of this article. All general laws pertaining to county boards of equalization shall be applicable to county assessment appeals boards. The board of supervisors shall fix the compensation payable to members of assessment appeals boards, provide such clerical and other assistance as is necessary therefor and adopt such rules of notice and procedure for such boards as may be required to facilitate their work and to insure uniformity in the processing and decision of equalization petitions.

(b) The Legislature shall provide by law for:

(1) The number of assessment appeals boards, in excess of one, which may be created within any county and the number of members to serve on each such board.

(2) The qualifications of and manner of selection and appointment of persons to serve on such boards.

(3) The terms for which members shall serve, for their removal and for the procedure for the discontinuance of such boards in any county. *[As amended November 8, 1966.]*

*[Place of Assessment]*

SEC. 10. All property, except as otherwise in this Constitution provided, shall be assessed in the county, city, city and county, town or township, or district in which it is situated, in the manner prescribed by law. *[As amended November 8, 1910.]*

*[Householder's Exemption of Personal Property]*

SEC. 10½. The personal property of every householder to the amount of one hundred dollars, the articles to be selected by each householder, shall be exempt from taxation. *[New section adopted November 8, 1904.]*

*[Income Taxes]*

SEC. 11. Income taxes may be assessed to and collected from persons, corporations, joint-stock associations, or companies resident or doing business in this State, or any one or more of them, in such cases and amounts, and in such manner, as shall be prescribed by law.

SEC. 12. *[Repealed November 5, 1946. See Section 12, below.]*

*[General Fund Monies Available for Local Purposes]*

SEC. 12. Money allocated by the Legislature from the State General Fund to any county, city and county, or city may be used when specified by the Legislature for county, city and county, or city purposes, as the

case may be. [*New section adopted November 5, 1968.*]

SEC. 12½. [*Repealed June 27, 1933.*]

[*Trees and Vines Exemption*]

SEC. 12¾. Fruit and nut-bearing trees under the age of four years from the time of planting in orchard form, and grape vines under the age of three years from the time of planting in vineyard form, and all immature forest trees which have been planted on lands not previously bearing merchantable timber, or planted or of natural growth, upon lands from which the merchantable original growth timber stand to the extent of seventy per cent of all trees over sixteen inches in diameter has been removed, shall be exempt from taxation, and nothing in this article shall be construed as subjecting such trees and grapevine and forest trees to taxation; *provided*, that forest trees or timber shall be considered mature for the purpose of this act at such time, after forty years from the time of planting or removal of the original timber as above provided, as a board consisting of a representative from the State board of forestry, a representative from the State board of equalization and the county assessor of the county in which the timber is located, shall by a majority thereof so determine. [*As amended November 2, 1926.*]

[*Legislature to Provide for Enforcement*]

SEC. 13. The Legislature shall pass all laws necessary to carry out the provisions of this article.

[*Assessment of Utilities*]

SEC. 14. All pipe lines, flumes, canals, ditches and aqueducts not entirely within the limits of any one county, and all property, other than franchises, owned or used by (1) railroad companies including street railways, herein defined to include interurban electric railways, whether operating in one or more counties, (2) sleeping car, dining car, drawing-room car, and palace car companies, refrigerator, oil, stock, fruit and other car-loading and other car companies operating upon the railroads in the State, (3) companies doing express business on any railroad, steamboat, vessel or stage line in this State, (4) telegraph and telephone companies, (5) companies engaged in the transmission or sale of gas or electricity, shall be assessed annually by the State Board of Equalization, at the actual value of such property.

[*Taxation*]

All property so assessed by said board shall be subject to taxation to the same extent and in the same manner as other property.

All companies herein mentioned and their franchises, other than insurance companies and their franchises, shall be taxed in the same manner and at the same rates as mercantile, manufacturing and business corporations and their franchises are taxed pursuant to Section 16 of this article; provided, that nothing herein shall be construed to

release any company mentioned in this section from the payment of any amount agreed to be paid or required by law to be paid for any special privilege or franchise granted by any political subdivision or municipality of this State; provided further, that no excise, or income tax or any other form of tax or license charge shall be levied or assessed upon or collected from the companies, or any of them, mentioned in the first paragraph of this section, in any manner or form, different from, or at a higher rate than that imposed upon or collected from mercantile, manufacturing and business corporations doing business within this State.

*[Personal Property Taxes]*

The Legislature shall have the power to provide for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes upon all forms of tangible personal property, all notes, debentures, shares of capital stock, bonds, solvent credits, deeds of trust, mortgages, and any legal or equitable interest therein, not exempt from taxation under the provisions of this Constitution, in such manner, and at such rates, as may be provided by law, and in pursuance of the exercise of such power the Legislature, two-thirds of all of the members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof, may classify any and all kinds of personal property for the purposes of assessment and taxation in a manner and at a rate or rates in proportion to value different from any other property in this State subject to taxation and may exempt entirely from taxation any or all forms, types or classes of personal property.

*[Rate on Notes, Etc.]*

The total tax imposed on notes, debentures, shares of capital stock, bonds, solvent credits, deeds of trust, mortgages and any legal or equitable interest therein in pursuance of the provisions of this section shall not be at a rate in excess of four-tenths of 1 percent of the actual value of such property and no tax burden shall be imposed upon any personal property either tangible or intangible which shall exceed the tax burden on real property in the same taxing jurisdiction in proportion to the actual value of such property.

*[“Companies” Defined]*

The word “companies” as used in this section shall include persons, partnerships, joint stock associations, companies and corporations.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to subject to assessment and taxation property which is exempt from taxation under other provisions of this Constitution. *[As amended November 8, 1949.]*

SEC. 14½. *[Repealed November 8, 1949.]*

SEC. 14¾. *[Repealed November 8, 1949.]*

[*Taxation of Insurance Companies*]

SEC. 14½. (a) "Insurer," as used in this section, includes insurance companies or associations and reciprocal or interinsurance exchanges together with their corporate or other attorneys in fact considered as a single unit, and the State Compensation Insurance Fund. As used in this paragraph, "companies" includes persons, partnerships, joint stock associations, companies and corporations.

[*Basis of Annual Tax*]

(b) An annual tax is hereby imposed on each insurer doing business in this state on the base, at the rates, and subject to the deductions from the tax hereinafter specified.

[*Title Insurers*]

(c) In the case of an insurer not transacting title insurance in this state, the "basis of the annual tax" is, in respect to each year, the amount of gross premiums, less return premiums, received in such year by such insurer upon its business done in this state, other than premiums received for reinsurance and for ocean marine insurance.

In the case of an insurer transacting title insurance in this state, the "basis of the annual tax" is, in respect to each year, all income upon business done in this state, except:

- (1) Interest and dividends.
- (2) Rents from real property.
- (3) Profits from the sale or other disposition of investments.
- (4) Income from investments.

"Investments" as used in this subdivision (d) includes property acquired by such insurer in the settlement or adjustment of claims against it but excludes investments in title plants and title records. Income derived directly or indirectly from the use of title plants and title records is included in the basis of the annual tax.

In the case of an insurer transacting title insurance in this state which has a trust department and does a trust business under the banking laws of this state, there shall be excluded from the basis of the annual tax imposed by this section, the income of, and from the assets of, such trust department and such trust business, if such income is taxed by this state or included in the measure of any tax imposed by this state.

[*Tax Rate*]

(d) The rate of the tax to be applied to the basis of the annual tax in respect to each year is 2.35 percent.

[*Real Estate Deduction*]

(e) (1) Each insurer shall have the right to deduct from the annual tax imposed by this section upon such insurer in respect to a particular year the amount of real estate taxes paid by it, in that year, before, or within 30 days after, becoming delinquent, on real property owned by it at the time of payment, and in which was located, in that year, its

home office or principal office in this state. Such real property may consist of one building or of two or more adjacent buildings in which such an office is located, the land on which they stand, and so much of the adjacent land as may be required for the convenient use and occupation thereof.

(2) In the event a portion of the real property described in paragraph (1) of this subdivision is occupied by a person or persons other than the insurer the deduction granted the insurer by said paragraph shall be limited to that percentage, not to exceed 100 percent, equal to the sum of (i) the percentage of occupancy of the insurer obtained by deducting from 100 percent the ratio that the square footage of said building or buildings occupied by the person or persons other than the insurer bears to the total square footage of said building or buildings plus (ii) the lesser of one-half of said percent of occupancy of the insurer or 25 percent, provided, however, that the limitation set forth in this paragraph shall not be applicable to such real property occupied by a domestic insurer as its home office or principal office in this state on January 1, 1970, or to such real property upon which construction of the home office or principal office of the domestic insurer commenced prior to January 1, 1970. As used in this paragraph, "domestic insurer" means an insurer organized under the laws of this state and licensed to transact insurance in this state on or before December 31, 1966.

(3) The phrase "person or persons other than the insurer" as used in paragraph (2) of this subdivision shall not include (i) another insurance company or association affiliated directly or indirectly with the insurer through direct ownership or common ownership or control; or (ii) the corporate or other manager of the insurer to the extent of its insurance management activities. The Legislature may define the terms used in this paragraph for the sole purpose of facilitating the operation of this paragraph.

*[In Lieu Tax Exceptions]*

(f) The tax imposed on insurers by this section is in lieu of all other taxes and licenses, state, county, and municipal, upon such insurers and their property, except:

(1) Taxes upon their real estate.

(2) That an insurer transacting title insurance in this state which has a trust department or does a trust business under the banking laws of this state is subject to taxation with respect to such trust department or trust business to the same extent and in the same manner as trust companies and the trust departments of banks doing business in this state.

(3) When by or pursuant to the laws of any other state or foreign country any taxes, licenses and other fees, in the aggregate, and any fines, penalties, deposit requirements or other material obligations, prohibitions or restrictions are or would be imposed upon California insurers, or upon the agents or representatives of such insurers, which

are in excess of such taxes, licenses and other fees, in the aggregate, or which are in excess of the fines, penalties, deposit requirements or other obligations, prohibitions, or restrictions directly imposed upon similar insurers, or upon the agents or representatives of such insurers, of such other state or country under the statutes of this state; so long as such laws of such other state or country continue in force or are so applied, the same taxes, licenses and other fees, in the aggregate, or fines, penalties or deposit requirements or other material obligations, prohibitions, or restrictions, of whatever kind shall be imposed upon the insurers, or upon the agents or representatives of such insurers, of such other state or country doing business or seeking to do business in California. Any tax, license or other fee or other obligation imposed by any city, county, or other political subdivision or agency of such other state or country on California insurers or their agents or representatives shall be deemed to be imposed by such state or country within the meaning of this paragraph (3) of subdivision (f).

The provisions of this paragraph (3) of subdivision (f) shall not apply as to personal income taxes, nor as to ad valorem taxes on real or personal property nor as to special purpose obligations or assessments heretofore imposed by another state or foreign country in connection with particular kinds of insurance, other than property insurance; except that deductions, from premium taxes or other taxes otherwise payable, allowed on account of real estate or personal property taxes paid shall be taken into consideration in determining the propriety and extent of retaliatory action under this paragraph (3) of subdivision (f).

For the purposes of this paragraph (3) of subdivision (f) the domicile of an alien insurer, other than insurers formed under the laws of Canada, shall be that state in which is located its principal place of business in the United States.

In the case of an insurer formed under the laws of Canada or a province thereof, its domicile shall be deemed to be that province in which its head office is situated.

The provisions of this paragraph (3) of subdivision (f) shall also be applicable to reciprocals or interinsurance exchanges and fraternal benefit societies.

(4) The tax on ocean marine insurance.

(5) Motor vehicle and other vehicle registration license fees and any other tax or license fee imposed by the state upon vehicles, motor vehicles or the operation thereof.

(6) That each corporate or other attorney in fact of a reciprocal or interinsurance exchange shall be subject to all taxes imposed upon corporations or others doing business in the state, other than taxes on income derived from its principal business as attorney in fact.

A corporate or other attorney in fact of each exchange shall annually compute the amount of tax that would be payable by it under prevailing law except for the provisions of this section, and any management fee due from each exchange to its corporate or other attorney in fact shall be reduced pro tanto by a sum equivalent to the amount so computed.



*[Ocean Marine Insurance]*

(g) Every insurer transacting the business of ocean marine insurance in this state shall annually pay to the state a tax measured by that proportion of the underwriting profit of such insurer from such insurance written in the United States, which the gross premiums of the insurer from such insurance written in this state bear to the gross premiums of the insurer from such insurance written within the United States, at the rate of 5 per centum, which tax shall be in lieu of all other taxes and licenses, state, county and municipal, upon such insurer, except taxes upon real estate, and such other taxes as may be assessed or levied against such insurer on account of any other class of insurance written by it. Deductions from the annual tax pursuant to subdivision (e) cannot be made from the ocean marine tax. The Legislature shall define the terms "ocean marine insurance" and "underwriting profit," and shall provide for the assessment, levy, collection and enforcement of the ocean marine tax.

*[Assessment by State Board of Equalization]*

(h) The taxes provided for by this section shall be assessed by the State Board of Equalization.

*[Legislature May Change Rates]*

(i) The Legislature, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof, may by law change the rate or rates of taxes herein imposed upon insurers.

*[Intent of Section]*

(j) This section is not intended to and does not change the law as it has previously existed with respect to the meaning of the words "gross premiums, less return premiums, received" as used in this section or as used in Section 14 \* or 14¾ † of this article. *[As amended November 8, 1966.]*

*[Apportionment of State Revenues—Support of Schools]*

SEC. 15. Out of the revenue from State taxes for which provision is made in this article, together with all other State revenues, there shall first be set apart the moneys to be applied by the State to the support of the Public School System and the State University.

If the Legislature limits the amount of revenue which may be raised from taxes upon the real and personal property according to the value thereof in pursuance of its power so to do under Section 20 of Article XI of this Constitution, then the Legislature shall provide for the raising of revenue by any form of taxation not prohibited by this Constitution in amount sufficient to apportion and shall apportion to each county and city and county an amount equal to the deficiency in the revenues

\* Section 14, amended November 8, 1949, deleted the words "gross premiums, less return premiums, received" from its provisions

† Section 14¾, repealed November 8, 1949

thereof resulting from such limitation, as such deficiency shall be determined by law; provided, however, that no tax shall be levied by the Legislature in pursuance of this section upon property in proportion to the value thereof in excess of the limitation for which provision is made in Section 34a † of Article IV of this Constitution with reference to taxes for State purposes on real and personal property and further provided that no taxes upon property in proportion to the value thereof shall be levied in pursuance of this section for the support of any county or city and county government.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall ever issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against this State, or any officer thereof, to prevent or enjoin the collection of any tax levied under the provisions of this article; but after payment thereof action may be maintained to recover, with interest, in such manner as may be provided by law, any tax claimed to have been illegally collected. [*As amended November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 15½. [*Repealed November 8, 1949.*]

**[Bank Taxes]**

SEC. 16. 1. (a) Banks, including national banking associations, located within the limits of this State, shall annually pay to the State a tax, at the rate to be provided by law according to or measured by their net income, which shall be in lieu of all other taxes and licenses, state, county and municipal, upon such banks, or the shares thereof, except taxes upon their real property and, when permitted by the Congress of the United States with respect to national banking associations, motor vehicle and other vehicle registration license fees and any other tax or license fee imposed by the State upon vehicles, motor vehicles or the operation thereof.

(b) The Legislature may provide by law for any other form of taxation now or hereafter permitted by the Congress of the United States respecting national banking associations; provided, that such form of taxation shall apply to all banks located within the limits of this State.

**[Corporation and Franchise Taxes]**

2. The Legislature may provide by law for the taxation of corporations, their franchises, or any other franchises, by any method not prohibited by this Constitution or the Constitution or laws of the United States.

**[Two-thirds Vote]**

3. Any tax imposed pursuant to this section must be under an act passed by not less than two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the Legislature. [*As amended November 4, 1952.*]

SEC. 16½. [*Repealed November 8, 1949.*]

† Section 34a, Article IV, repealed November 8, 1966

*[Proceedings by Chartered Cities or Counties for Public Improvements]*

SEC. 17. All proceedings undertaken by any chartered city, or by any chartered county or by any chartered city and county for the construction of any public improvement, or the acquisition of any property for public use, or both, where the cost thereof is to be paid in whole or in part by special assessment or other special assessment taxes upon property, whether the special assessment will be specific or a special assessment tax upon property wholly or partially according to the assessed value of such property, shall be undertaken only in accordance with the provisions of law governing: (a) limitations of costs of such proceedings or assessments for such proceedings, or both, in relation to the value of any property assessed therefor, (b) determination of a basis for the valuation of any such property, (c) payment of the cost in excess of such limitations, (d) avoidance of such limitations, (e) postponement or abandonment, or both, of such proceedings in whole or in part upon majority protest; and particularly in accordance with such provisions as contained in Sections 10, 11 and 13a of the Special Assessment Investigation, Limitation and Majority Protest Act of 1931 or any amendments, codification, reenactment or restatement thereof.

Notwithstanding any provisions for debt limitation or majority protest as in this section provided, if, after the giving of such reasonable notice by publication and posting and the holding of such public hearing as the legislative body of any such chartered county, chartered city or chartered city and county shall have prescribed, such legislative body by no less than a four-fifths vote of all members thereof, finds and determines that the public convenience and necessity require such improvements or acquisitions, such debt limitation and majority protest provisions shall not apply.

Nothing contained in this section shall require the legislative body of any such city, county, or city and county to prepare or to cause to be prepared, hear, notice for hearing or report the hearing of any report as to any such proposed construction or acquisition or both. *[New section adopted November 5, 1940.]*

*[Taxes—Collectibility]*

SEC. 18. The repeal or deletion of any provision of this article, regardless of when effected, shall not affect the collectibility of any tax assessed pursuant to such provisions while such provision was in effect. *[New section adopted November 8, 1949.]*

*[Taxation of Redevelopment Property]*

SEC. 19. All property in a redevelopment project established under the Community Redevelopment Law Act as now existing or hereafter amended, except publicly owned property not subject to taxation by reason of such ownership, shall be taxed in proportion to its value as provided in Section 1 of this article, and such taxes (the word "taxes" as used herein shall include, but shall not be limited to, all levies on an

ad valorem basis upon land or real property) shall be levied and collected as other taxes are levied and collected by the respective taxing agencies.

The Legislature may provide that any redevelopment plan may contain a provision that the taxes, if any, so levied upon such taxable property in a redevelopment project each year by or for the benefit of the State of California, any city, county, city and county, district, or other public corporation (hereinafter sometimes called "taxing agencies") after the effective date of the ordinance approving the redevelopment plan, shall be divided as follows:

(a) That portion of the taxes which would be produced by the rate upon which the tax is levied each year by or for each of said taxing agencies upon the total sum of the assessed value of the taxable property in the redevelopment project as shown upon the assessment roll used in connection with the taxation of such property by such taxing agency, last equalized prior to the effective date of such ordinance, shall be allocated to, and when collected shall be paid into, the funds of the respective taxing agencies as taxes by or for said taxing agencies on all other property are paid (for the purpose of allocating taxes levied by or for any taxing agency or agencies which did not include the territory in a redevelopment project on the effective date of such ordinance but to which such territory has been annexed or otherwise included after such effective date, the assessment roll of the county last equalized on the effective date of said ordinance shall be used in determining the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the project on said effective date); and

(b) That portion of said levied taxes each year in excess of such amount shall be allocated to and when collected shall be paid into a special fund of the redevelopment agency to pay the principal of and interest on loans, moneys advanced to, or indebtedness (whether funded, refunded, assumed or otherwise) incurred by such redevelopment agency to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, such redevelopment project. Unless and until the total assessed valuation of the taxable property in a redevelopment project exceeds the total assessed value of the taxable property in such project as shown by the last equalized assessment roll referred to in paragraph designated (a) hereof, all of the taxes levied and collected upon the taxable property in such redevelopment project shall be paid into the funds of the respective taxing agencies. When said loans, advances, and indebtedness, if any, and interest thereon, have been paid, then all moneys thereafter received from taxes upon the taxable property in such redevelopment project shall be paid into the funds of the respective taxing agencies as taxes on all other property are paid.

The Legislature may also provide that in any redevelopment plan or in the proceedings for the advance of moneys, or making of loans, or the incurring of any indebtedness (whether funded, refunded, assumed or otherwise) by the redevelopment agency to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, the redevelopment project, the portion of taxes

mentioned in paragraph designated (b) hereof may be irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said loans, advances, or indebtedness.

It is intended by this section to empower any redevelopment agency, city, county, or city and county under any law authorized by this section to exercise the provisions hereof separately or in combination with powers granted by the same or any other law relative to redevelopment agencies. This section shall not affect any other law or laws relating to the same or a similar subject but is intended to authorize an alternative method of procedure governing the subject to which it refers.

The Legislature shall enact such laws as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this section. [*As amended November 6, 1962.*]

[*State Agencies—Claims, Budgets*]

SEC. 20. Notwithstanding any limitations or restrictions in this Constitution contained, every state office, department, institution, board, commission, bureau, or other agency of the State, whether created by initiative law or otherwise, shall be subject to the regulations and requirements with respect to the filing of claims with the State Controller and the submission, approval and enforcement of budgets prescribed by law. [*Former Section 1a of Article IV as renumbered and amended November 8, 1966.*]

[*Appropriations—Private Institutions—Exceptions*]

SEC. 21. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of appropriation made by law, and upon warrants duly drawn thereon by the Controller. No money shall ever be appropriated or drawn from the State Treasury for the purpose or benefit of any corporation, association, asylum, hospital, or any other institution not under the exclusive management and control of the State as a state institution, nor shall any grant or donation of property ever be made thereto by the State, except that notwithstanding anything contained in this or any other section of the Constitution:

[*Federal-State Funds—Hospital Construction*]

(1) Whenever federal funds are made available for the construction of hospital facilities by public agencies and nonprofit corporations organized to construct and maintain such facilities, nothing in this Constitution shall prevent the Legislature from making state money available for that purpose, or from authorizing the use of such money for the construction of hospital facilities by nonprofit corporations organized to construct and maintain such facilities.

[*Aid to Institutions for Support of Orphans, and Children, and Aged Indigents*]

(2) The Legislature shall have the power to grant aid to the institutions conducted for the support and maintenance of minor orphans, or half-orphans, or abandoned children, or children of a father who is incapacitated for gainful work by permanent physical disability

or is suffering from tuberculosis in such a stage that he cannot pursue a gainful occupation, or aged persons in indigent circumstances—such aid to be granted by a uniform rule, and proportioned to the number of inmates of such respective institutions.

*[Aid to Blind]*

(3) The Legislature shall have the power to grant aid to needy blind persons not inmates of any institution supported in whole or in part by the State or by any of its political subdivisions, and no person concerned with the administration of aid to needy blind persons shall dictate how any applicant or recipient shall expend such aid granted him, and all money paid to a recipient of such aid shall be intended to help him meet his individual needs and is not for the benefit of any other person, and such aid when granted shall not be construed as income to any person other than the blind recipient of such aid, and the State Department of Social Welfare shall take all necessary action to enforce the provisions relating to aid to needy blind persons as heretofore stated.

*[Aid to Physically Handicapped]*

(4) The Legislature shall have power to grant aid to needy physically handicapped persons not inmates of any institution under the supervision of the Department of Mental Hygiene and supported in whole or in part by the State or by any institution supported in whole or part by any political subdivision of the State.

*[State's Right of Inquiry]*

(5) The State shall have at any time the right to inquire into the management of such institutions.

*[Pro Rata Appropriations]*

(6) Whenever any county, or city and county, or city, or town, shall provide for the support of minor orphans, or half-orphans, or abandoned children, or children of a father who is incapacitated for gainful work by permanent physical disability or is suffering from tuberculosis in such a stage that he cannot pursue a gainful occupation, or aged persons in indigent circumstances, or needy blind persons not inmates of any institution supported in whole or in part by the State or by any of its political subdivisions, or needy physically handicapped persons not inmates of any institution under the supervision of the Department of Mental Hygiene and supported in whole or in part by the State or by any institution supported in whole or part by any political subdivision of the State; such county, city and county, city, or town shall be entitled to receive the same pro rata appropriations as may be granted to such institutions under church, or other control.

An accurate statement of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys shall be attached to and published with the laws at every regular session of the Legislature. [*Former Section 22 of Article IV as renumbered and amended November 8, 1966.*]

*[Loans Guaranteed for Hospital Facilities]*

SEC. 21.5. The Legislature shall have the power to insure or guarantee loans made by private or public lenders to nonprofit corporations and public agencies, the proceeds of which are to be used for the construction, expansion, enlargement, improvement, renovation or repair of any public or nonprofit hospital, hospital facility, or extended care facility, facility for the treatment of mental illness, or all of them, including any outpatient facility and any other facility useful and convenient in the operation of the hospital and any original equipment for any such hospital or facility, or both.

No provision of this Constitution, including but not limited to, Section 1 of Article XVI and Section 18 \* of Article XI, shall be construed as a limitation upon the authority granted to the Legislature by this section. *[New section adopted November 5, 1968.]*

*[Disposition of Fish and Game Revenues]*

SEC. 22. All money collected under the provision of any law of this State relating to the protection, conservation, propagation, or preservation of fish, game, mollusks, or crustaceans and all fines and forfeitures imposed by any court for the violation of any such law shall be used and expended exclusively for the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish, game, mollusks, or crustaceans and for the administration and enforcement of laws relating thereto. The Legislature may provide for the division of money derived from such fines and forfeitures. *[Former Section 25% of Article IV as renumbered and amended November 8, 1966.]*

*[Money in Trust—Disbursements]*

SEC. 23. The Legislature may provide that any money belonging to the State in the control of any State agency or department or collected under the authority of this State from any source whatever other than money in the control of or collected by the Regents of The University of California shall be held in trust by the State Treasurer prior to its deposit in the State Treasury by the State agency or department as may be required by law. Any money held in trust may be disbursed by the State Treasurer upon the order of the State agency or department in the manner permitted by law and money held in trust may be deposited in banks to the same extent that money in the State Treasury may be deposited in banks. *[Former Section 29 of Article IV as renumbered and amended November 8, 1966.]*

*[Public Aid for Sectarian Purposes Prohibited]*

SEC. 24. Neither the Legislature, nor any county, city and county, township, school district, or other municipal corporation, shall ever make an appropriation, or pay from any public fund whatever, or grant anything to or in aid of any religious sect, church, creed, or sectarian

\* Section 18 of Article XI added to Article XIII as Section 40, June 2, 1970

purpose, or help to support or sustain any school, college, university, hospital, or other institution controlled by any religious creed, church, or sectarian denomination whatever; nor shall any grant or donation of personal property or real estate ever be made by the state, or any city, city and county, town, or other municipal corporation for any religious creed, church, or sectarian purpose whatever; provided, that nothing in this section shall prevent the Legislature granting aid pursuant to Section 21 of this article. [*Former Section 30 of Article IV as renumbered and amended November 8, 1966.*]

[*Lending Public Credit—Gifts—Stock in Corporations*]

SEC. 25. The Legislature shall have no power to give or to lend, or to authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the State, or of any county, city and county, city, township or other political corporation or subdivision of the State now existing, or that may be hereafter established, in aid of or to any person, association, or corporation, whether municipal or otherwise, or to pledge the credit thereof, in any manner whatever, for the payment of the liabilities of any individual, association, municipal or other corporation whatever; nor shall it have power to make any gift or authorize the making of any gift, of any public money or thing of value to any individual, municipal or other corporation whatever; *provided*, that nothing in this section shall prevent the Legislature granting aid pursuant to Section 21 of this article; and it shall not have power to authorize the State, or any political subdivision thereof, to subscribe for stock, or to become a stockholder in any corporation whatever; *provided, further*, that irrigation districts for the purpose of acquiring the control of any entire international water system necessary for its use and purposes, a part of which is situated in the United States, and a part thereof in a foreign country, may in the manner authorized by law, acquire the stock of any foreign corporation which is the owner of, or which holds the title to the part of such system situated in a foreign country; *provided, further*, that irrigation districts for the purpose of acquiring water and water rights and other property necessary for their uses and purposes, may acquire and hold the stock of corporations, domestic or foreign, owning waters, water rights, canals, waterworks, franchises or concessions subject to the same obligations and liabilities as are imposed by law upon all other stockholders in such corporation; and

[*Aid to Veterans*]

*Provided, further*, that nothing contained in this Constitution shall prohibit the use of State money or credit, in aiding veterans who served in the military or naval service of the United States during the time of war, in the acquisition of, or payments for, (1) farms or homes, or in projects of land settlement or in the development of such farms or homes or land settlement projects for the benefit of such veterans, or (2) any business, land or any interest therein, buildings, supplies, equipment, machinery, or tools, to be used by the veteran in pursuing



a gainful occupation.

*[Temporary Transfer of Funds to Political Subdivision]*

*And provided, still further,* that notwithstanding the restrictions contained in this Constitution, the treasurer of any city, county, or city and county shall have power and it shall be his duty to make such temporary transfers from the funds in his custody as may be necessary to provide funds for meeting the obligations incurred for maintenance purposes by any city, county, city and county, district, or other political subdivision whose funds are in his custody and are paid out solely through his office. Such temporary transfer of funds to any political subdivision shall be made only upon resolution adopted by the governing body of the city, county, or city and county directing the treasurer of such city, county, or city and county to make such temporary transfer. Such temporary transfer of funds to any political subdivision shall not exceed 85 percent of the taxes accruing to such political subdivision, shall not be made prior to the first day of the fiscal year nor after the last Monday in April of the current fiscal year, and shall be replaced from the taxes accruing to such political subdivision before any other obligation of such political subdivision is met from such taxes. *[Former Section 31 of Article IV as renumbered and amended November 8, 1966.]*

*[Local Government Tax Sharing]*

SEC. 25.5. The Legislature may, by general law, authorize counties, cities and counties, and cities, or any of them, to enter into contracts to apportion between them the revenue derived from any sales or use tax imposed by a county, city and county, or city, which is collected for such county, city and county, or city by the state. Before any such contract becomes operative, it shall be submitted at a general election or at a direct primary election to the qualified electors of each county, city and county and city which is a party thereto and shall have received a majority of all the votes cast for and against it at such election in each such county, city and county and city, which is a party to the contract. The agreement may provide that the recipient of any funds pursuant to a contract entered into under a legislative authorization pursuant to this section may use such funds for any purpose for which the recipient could expend its own revenues. *[New section adopted November 5, 1968.]*

*[Slaughter of Livestock—Compensation]*

SEC. 26. No provision of this Constitution shall be construed as a limitation upon the power of the Legislature to provide by general law, from public moneys or funds, for the indemnification of the owners of live stock taken, slaughtered or otherwise disposed of pursuant to law to prevent the spread of a contagious or infectious disease; *provided,* the amount paid in any case for such animal or animals shall not exceed the value of such animal or animals. *[Former Section 31a of Article IV]*

*as renumbered and amended November 8, 1966.]*

*[Tax Liens—Presumption of Payment of Taxes After 30 Years]*

SEC. 27. No provision of this Constitution shall be construed as a limitation upon the power of the Legislature to provide that the lien of every tax, whether heretofore or hereafter attaching, shall cease to exist for all purposes after 30 years from the time such tax became a lien, or to provide that every tax whether heretofore or hereafter levied shall be conclusively presumed to have been paid after thirty years from the time the same became a lien unless the property subject thereto has been sold in the manner provided by law for the payment of said tax. *[Former Section 31b of Article IV as renumbered and amended November 8, 1966.]*

*[Relief From Assessments or Bonds]*

SEC. 28. No provision of this Constitution shall be construed as a limitation upon the power of the Legislature to provide by general law for the refunding, repayment or adjustment, from public funds raised or appropriated by the United States, the State or any city, city and county, or county for street and highway improvement purposes, of assessments or bonds, or any portion thereof, which have become a lien upon real property, and which were levied or issued to pay the cost of street or highway improvements or of opening and widening proceedings which may be or may have become of more than local benefit. Any such acts of the Legislature heretofore adopted are hereby confirmed and declared valid and shall have the same force and effect as if adopted after the effective date of this amendment. *[Former Section 31c of Article IV as renumbered and amended November 8, 1966.]*

*[Ratio—Real and Personal Property Taxes to Appropriations]*

SEC. 29. Not more than 25 percent of the total appropriations from all funds of the State shall be raised by means of taxes on real and personal property according to the value thereof. *[New section adopted November 8, 1966.]*

*[Local Taxes—Power of Legislature]*

SEC. 37. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, the Legislature shall have no power to impose taxes upon counties, cities, towns or other public or municipal corporations, or upon the inhabitants or property thereof, for county, city, town, or other municipal purposes, but may, by general laws, vest in the corporate authorities thereof the power to assess and collect taxes for such purposes.

All property subject to taxation shall be assessed for taxation at its full cash value. *[Former Section 12 of Article XI, as amended June 27, 1933, added to Article XIII as Section 37, June 2, 1970.]*

**[Bond Payments—Place]**

SEC. 37.5. Any county, city and county, city, town, municipality, irrigation district, or other public corporation, issuing bonds under the laws of the State, is hereby authorized and empowered to make said bonds and the interest thereon payable at any place or places within or outside of the United States, and in any money, domestic or foreign, designated in said bonds.\* [*Former Section 13½ of Article XI, as amended November 3, 1914, added to Article XIII as Section 37.5, June 2, 1970.*]

**[Deposit of Public Moneys—Depositaries]**

SEC. 38. All moneys, assessments, and taxes belonging to or collected for the use of any county, city, town, or other public or municipal corporation, coming into the hands of any officer thereof, shall immediately be deposited with the Treasurer, or other legal depositary, to the credit of such city, town, or other corporation respectively, for the benefit of the funds to which they respectively belong. [*Former Section 16 of Article XI added to Article XIII as Section 38, June 2, 1970.*]

**[Deposit of Public Moneys—Depositaries]**

SEC. 39. All moneys belonging to, or in the custody of, the State, or any county, city and county, city, town, municipality or other public or municipal corporation, within this State may be deposited in any national bank or banks within this State, or in any bank or banks organized under the laws of this State, in such manner and under such conditions as may be provided by any law adopted by the people under the initiative or by a two-thirds vote of each House of the Legislature and approved by the Governor and subject to the referendum; provided, that the laws now governing the deposit of such moneys shall continue in force until such laws shall be amended, changed or repealed as in this section authorized; and provided, further, that the State or any county, city and county, city, town, municipality or other public or municipal corporation, issuing bonds under the laws of this State, may deposit moneys in any bank or banks outside this State for the payment of the principal or interest of such bonds at the place or places at which the same are payable.† [*Former Section 16½ of Article XI, as amended November 8, 1932, added to Article XIII as Section 39, June 2, 1970.*]

**[Local Indebtedness—Vote Requirements—Exceptions]**

SEC. 40. No county, city, town, township, board of education, or school district, shall incur any indebtedness or liability in any manner or for any purpose exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided for such year, without the assent of two-thirds of the qualified electors thereof, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, except that with respect to any such public entity which is authorized

\* See Section 39 of this article

† See Section 37.5 of this article

to incur indebtedness for public school purposes, any proposition for the incurrence of indebtedness in the form of general obligation bonds for the purpose of repairing, reconstructing or replacing public school buildings determined, in the manner prescribed by law, to be structurally unsafe for school use, shall be adopted upon the approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the public entity voting on the proposition at such election; nor unless before or at the time of incurring such indebtedness provision shall be made for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such indebtedness as it falls due, and also provision to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof, on or before maturity, which shall not exceed forty years from the time of contracting the same; provided, however, anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, when two or more propositions for incurring any indebtedness or liability are submitted at the same election, the votes cast for and against each proposition shall be counted separately, and when two-thirds or a majority of the qualified electors, as the case may be, voting on any one of such propositions, vote in favor thereof, such proposition shall be deemed adopted. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

*[Financing of Off-Street Parking]*

SEC. 41. Whenever under the laws of this State or under its charter any city, county, city and county, parking authority, district, or other public body is authorized to acquire or construct public parking lots, garages, or other automotive parking facilities, and for the payment of the cost of any thereof, to issue any bonds or other securities payable in whole or in part from revenues of any such parking facilities, such public body, and any other public body within the territorial area of which such public parking facilities are or will be situated, is also authorized to pledge, place a charge upon, or otherwise make available, as additional security for the payment of such securities, any or all revenues from any or all street parking meters then owned or controlled or to be acquired or controlled by it. [*New section adopted June 2, 1970.*]

*[Stock in Corporations—Public Pension or Retirement Fund Investments]*

SEC. 42. The state shall not in any manner loan its credit, nor shall it subscribe to, or be interested in the stock of any company, association, or corporation, except that the state and each political subdivision, district, municipality, and public agency thereof is hereby authorized to acquire and hold shares of the capital stock of any mutual water company or corporation when such stock is so acquired or held for the purpose of furnishing a supply of water for public, municipal or governmental purposes; and such holding of such stock shall entitle such holder thereof to all of the rights, powers and privileges, and shall subject such holder to the obligations and liabilities conferred or imposed by law upon other holders of stock in the mutual water company or corporation in which such stock is so held.

Notwithstanding provisions to the contrary in this section and Section 25 of this article, the Legislature may authorize the investment of moneys of any public pension or retirement fund, not to exceed 25 percent of the assets of such fund determined on the basis of cost in the common stock or shares and not to exceed 5 percent of assets in preferred stock or shares of any corporation provided:

a. Such stock is registered on a national securities exchange, as provided in the "Securities Exchange Act of 1934" as amended, but such registration shall not be required with respect to the following stocks:

1) The common stock of a bank which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and has capital funds, represented by capital, surplus, and undivided profits, of at least fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000);

2) The common stock of an insurance company which has capital funds, represented by capital, special surplus funds, and unassigned surplus, of at least fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000);

3) Any preferred stock

b. Such corporation has total assets of at least one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000);

c. Bonds of such corporation, if any are outstanding, qualify for investment under the law governing the investment of the retirement fund, and there are no arrears of dividend payments on its preferred stock;

d. Such corporation has paid a cash dividend on its common stock in at least 8 of the 10 years next preceding the date of investment, and the aggregate net earnings available for dividends on the common stock of such corporation for the whole of such period have been equal to the amount of such dividends paid, and such corporation has paid an earned cash dividend in each of the last 3 years;

e. Such investment in any one company may not exceed 5 percent of the common stock shares outstanding; and

f. No single common stock investment may exceed 2 percent of the assets of the fund, based on cost.

Notwithstanding provisions to the contrary in this section and Section 25 of this article, the Legislature may authorize the investment of moneys of any public pension or retirement fund, in stock or shares of a diversified management investment company registered under the "Investment Company Act of 1940" which has total assets of at least fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000); provided, however, that the total investment in such stocks and shares, together with stocks and shares of all other corporations may not exceed 25 percent of the assets of such fund determined on the basis of the cost of the stocks or shares. [*New section adopted June 6, 1972.*]

[*State Boundary Changes, Alteration or Redefinition*]

SEC. 44. The Legislature, in connection with any change, alteration or redefinition of state boundaries may provide for and deal with all matters involving the taxation or the exemption from taxation of any

real or personal property involved in, or affected by, such change, alteration or redefinition of state boundaries. [*New section adopted November 7, 1972.*]

## ARTICLE XIV

### WATER AND WATER RIGHTS

#### [*Use of Water—Sales, Rental or Distribution, etc.*]

SECTION 1. The use of all water now appropriated, or that may hereafter be appropriated, for sale, rental, or distribution, is hereby declared to be a public use, and subject to the regulation and control of the State, in the manner to be prescribed by law. [*As amended June 6, 1972.*]

#### [*Franchise Requirement*]

SEC. 2. The right to collect rates or compensation for the use of water supplied to any county, city and county, or town, or the inhabitants thereof, is a franchise, and cannot be exercised except by authority of and in the manner prescribed by law.

#### [*Beneficial Use of Water Resources—Riparian Rights*]

SEC. 3. It is hereby declared that because of the conditions prevailing in this State the general welfare requires that the water resources of the State be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable, and that the waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable method of use of water be prevented, and that the conservation of such waters is to be exercised with a view to the reasonable and beneficial use thereof in the interest of the people and for the public welfare. The right to water or to the use or flow of water in or from any natural stream or water course in this State is and shall be limited to such water as shall be reasonably required for the beneficial use to be served, and such right does not and shall not extend to the waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable method of use or unreasonable method of diversion of water. Riparian rights in a stream or water course attach to, but to no more than so much of the flow thereof as may be required or used consistently with this section, for the purposes for which such lands are, or may be made adaptable, in view of such reasonable and beneficial uses; *provided, however*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as depriving any riparian owner of the reasonable use of water of the stream to which his land is riparian under reasonable methods of diversion and use, or of depriving any appropriator of water to which he is lawfully entitled. This section shall be self-executing, and the Legislature may also enact laws in the furtherance of the policy in this section contained. [*New section adopted November 6, 1928.*]

*[Interest of Governmental Agencies—Conformance With State Laws]*

SEC. 4. Whenever any agency of government, local, state, or federal, hereafter acquires any interest in real property in this State, the acceptance of the interest shall constitute an agreement by the agency to conform to the laws of California as to the acquisition, control, use, and distribution of water with respect to the land so acquired. *[New section adopted November 2, 1954.]*

## ARTICLE XV

## HARBOR FRONTAGES, ETC

*[Frontages on Navigable Waters May Be Taken by Eminent Domain]*

SECTION 1. The right of eminent domain is hereby declared to exist in the State to all frontages on the navigable waters of this State.

*[Access to Navigable Waters]*

SEC. 2. No individual, partnership, or corporation, claiming or possessing the frontage or tidal lands of a harbor, bay, inlet, estuary, or other navigable water in this State, shall be permitted to exclude the right of way to such water whenever it is required for any public purpose, nor to destroy or obstruct the free navigation of such water; and the Legislature shall enact such laws as will give the most liberal construction to this provision, so that access to the navigable waters of this State shall be always attainable for the people thereof.

*[Tidelands—Sale]*

SEC. 3. All tidelands within two miles of any incorporated city, city and county, or town in this State, and fronting on the water of any harbor, estuary, bay, or inlet used for the purposes of navigation, shall be withheld from grant or sale to private persons, partnerships, or corporations; provided, however, that any such tidelands, reserved to the State solely for street purposes, which the Legislature finds and declares are not used for navigation purposes and are not necessary for such purposes may be sold to any town, city, county, city and county, municipal corporations, private persons, partnerships or corporations subject to such conditions as the Legislature determines are necessary to be imposed in connection with any such sales in order to protect the public interest. *[As amended November 6, 1962.]*

## ARTICLE XVI

## STATE INDEBTEDNESS

*[State Indebtedness—Limitation—Two-thirds Vote to Submit Bond Law—Submission of Law to Electors]*

SECTION 1. The Legislature shall not, in any manner create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, which shall, singly or in the

aggregate with any previous debts or liabilities, exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), except in case of war to repel invasion or suppress insurrection, unless the same shall be authorized by law for some single object or work to be distinctly specified therein which law shall provide ways and means, exclusive of loans, for the payment of the interest of such debt or liability as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal of such debt or liability within 50 years of the time of the contracting thereof, and shall be irrevocable until the principal and interest thereon shall be paid and discharged, and such law may make provision for a sinking fund to pay the principal of such debt or liability to commence at a time after the incurring of such debt or liability of not more than a period of one-fourth of the time of maturity of such debt or liability; but no such law shall take effect unless it has been passed by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature and until, at a general election or at a direct primary, it shall have been submitted to the people and shall have received a majority of all the votes cast for and against it at such election; and all moneys raised by authority of such law shall be applied only to the specific object therein stated or to the payment of the debt thereby created. Full publicity as to matters to be voted upon by the people is afforded by the setting out of the complete text of the proposed laws, together with the arguments for and against them, in the ballot pamphlet mailed to each elector preceding the election at which they are submitted, and the only requirement for publication of such law shall be that it be set out at length in ballot pamphlets which the Secretary of State shall cause to be printed. The Legislature may, at any time after the approval of such law by the people, reduce the amount of the indebtedness authorized by the law to an amount not less than the amount contracted at the time of the reduction, or it may repeal the law if no debt shall have been contracted in pursuance thereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, Members of the Legislature who are required to meet with the State Allocation Board shall have equal rights and duties with the nonlegislative members to vote and act upon matters pending or coming before such board for the allocation and apportionment of funds to school districts for school construction purposes or purposes related thereto.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, or of any bond act to the contrary, if any general obligation bonds of the state heretofore or hereafter authorized by vote of the people have been offered for sale and not sold, the Legislature may raise the maximum rate of interest payable on all general obligation bonds authorized but not sold, whether or not such bonds have been offered for sale, by a statute passed by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house thereof.

The provisions of Senate Bill No. 763 \* of the 1969 Regular Session, which authorize an increase of the state general obligation bond

\* Chapter 740



maximum interest rate from 5 percent to an amount not in excess of 7 percent and eliminate the maximum rate of interest payable on notes given in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, are hereby ratified. [*As amended June 2, 1970.*]

**[General Obligation Bond Proceeds Fund]**

SEC. 1.5. The Legislature may create and establish a "General Obligation Bond Proceeds Fund" in the State Treasury, and may provide for the proceeds of the sale of general obligation bonds of the State heretofore or hereafter issued, including any sums paid as accrued interest thereon, under any or all acts authorizing the issuance of such bonds, to be paid into or transferred to, as the case may be, the "General Obligation Bond Proceeds Fund." Accounts shall be maintained in the "General Obligation Bond Proceeds Fund" of all moneys deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of that fund and the proceeds of each bond issue shall be maintained as a separate and distinct account and shall be paid out only in accordance with the law authorizing the issuance of the particular bonds from which the proceeds were derived. The Legislature may abolish, subject to the conditions of this section, any fund in the State Treasury heretofore or hereafter created by any act for the purpose of having deposited therein the proceeds from the issuance of bonds if such proceeds are transferred to or paid into the "General Obligation Bond Proceeds Fund" pursuant to the authority granted in this section; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prevent the Legislature from re-establishing any bond proceeds fund so abolished and transferring back to its credit all proceeds in the "General Obligation Bond Proceeds Fund" which constitute the proceeds of the particular bond fund being re-established. [*New section adopted November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 2. [*Repealed November 6, 1962. See Section 2, below.*]

**[Bond Issues—Submission by Constitutional Amendment Prohibited—  
Repeal of Certain Constitutional Provisions]**

SEC. 2. (a) No amendment to this Constitution which provides for the preparation, issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California shall hereafter be submitted to the electors, nor shall any such amendment to the Constitution hereafter submitted to or approved by the electors become effective for any purpose.

Each measure providing for the preparation, issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California shall hereafter be submitted to the electors in the form of a bond act or statute.

(b) The provisions of this Constitution enumerated in subdivision (c) of this section are repealed and such provisions are continued as statutes which have been approved, adopted, legalized, ratified, validated, and made fully and completely effective, by means of the adoption by the electorate of a ratifying constitutional amendment, except that the Legislature, in addition to whatever powers it possessed under such provisions, may amend or repeal such provisions when the

bonds issued thereunder have been fully retired and when no rights thereunder will be damaged.

(c) The enumerated provisions of this Constitution are: Article XVI, Sections 2, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 6, 8, 8½, 15, 16, 16.5, 17, 18, 19, 19.5, 20 and 21. [*New section adopted November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 3. [*Repealed November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 4. [*Repealed November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 4½. [*Repealed November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 5. [*Repealed November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 6. [*Repealed November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 7. [*Repealed November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 8. [*Repealed November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 8½. [*Repealed November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 9. [*Repealed November 6, 1962.*]

**[Aged Aid—Federal-State Co-operation]**

SEC. 10. Whenever the United States government or any officer or agency thereof shall provide pensions or other aid for the aged, co-operation by the State therewith and therein is hereby authorized in such manner and to such extent as may be provided by law.

The money expended by any county, city and county, municipality, district or other political subdivision of this State made available under the provisions of this section shall not be considered as a part of the base for determining the maximum expenditure for any given year permissible under Section 20 \* of Article XI of this Constitution independent of the vote of the electors or authorization by the State Board of Equalization. [*As amended November 6, 1962.*]

**[Relief Administration]**

SEC. 11. The Legislature has plenary power to provide for the administration of any constitutional provisions or laws heretofore or hereafter enacted concerning the administration of relief, and to that end may modify, transfer, or enlarge the powers vested in any state agency or officer concerned with the administration of relief or laws appertaining thereto. The Legislature, or the people by initiative, shall have power to amend, alter, or repeal any law relating to the relief of hardship and destitution, whether such hardship and destitution results from unemployment or from other causes, or to provide for the administration of the relief of hardship and destitution, whether resulting from unemployment or from other causes, either directly by the State or through the counties of the State, and to grant such aid to the counties therefor, or make such provision for reimbursement of the counties by the State, as the Legislature deems proper. [*As amended November 6, 1962.*]

SEC. 12. [*Repealed November 6, 1962.*]

\* Section 20, Article XI, repealed June 2, 1970

*[Legislative Power to Release Encumbrances Taken as Security for Aid to Aged]*

SEC. 13. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Legislature shall have power to release, rescind, cancel, or otherwise nullify in whole or in part any encumbrance on property, personal obligation, or other form of security heretofore or hereafter exacted or imposed by the Legislature to secure the repayment to, or reimbursement of, the State, and the counties or other agencies of the State Government, of aid lawfully granted to and received by aged persons. *[As amended November 6, 1962.]*

*[Bonds—Environmental Pollution Control Facilities]*

SEC. 14. The Legislature may provide for the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the acquisition, construction, and installation of environmental pollution control facilities, including the acquisition of all technological facilities necessary or convenient for pollution control, and for the lease or sale of such facilities to persons, associations, or corporations, other than municipal corporations; provided, that such revenue bonds shall not be secured by the taxing power of the state; and provided, further, that the Legislature may, by resolution adopted by either house, prohibit or limit any proposed issuance of such revenue bonds. No provision of this Constitution, including, but not limited to, Section 25 of Article XIII and Sections 1 and 2 of Article XVI, shall be construed as a limitation upon the authority granted to the Legislature pursuant to this section. Nothing herein contained shall authorize any public agency to operate any industrial or commercial enterprise. *[New section adopted November 7, 1972.]*

SEC. 15. *[Repealed November 6, 1962.]*

SEC. 16. *[Repealed November 6, 1962.]*

SEC. 16.5. *[Repealed November 6, 1962.]*

SEC. 17. *[Repealed November 6, 1962.]*

SEC. 18. *[Repealed November 6, 1962.]*

SEC. 19. *[Repealed November 6, 1962.]*

SEC. 19.5. *[Repealed November 6, 1962.]*

SEC. 20. *[Repealed November 6, 1962.]*

SEC. 21. *[Repealed November 6, 1962.]*

## ARTICLE XVII

### LAND, AND HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

*[Protection of Homesteads]*

SECTION 1. The Legislature shall protect, by law, from forced sale a certain portion of the homestead and other property of all heads of families.

SEC. 2. *[Repealed June 6, 1972.]*

SEC. 3. *[Repealed June 6, 1972.]*

ARTICLE XVIII. [*Repealed November 3, 1970.*  
*See Article XVIII, below.*]

ARTICLE XVIII \*

AMENDING AND REVISING THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1. [*Repealed November 3, 1970. See Section 1, below.*]

[*By Legislature*]

SEC. 1. The Legislature by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, may propose an amendment or revision of the Constitution and in the same manner may amend or withdraw its proposal. Each amendment shall be so prepared and submitted that it can be voted on separately. [*New section adopted November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 2. [*Repealed November 3, 1970. See Section 2, below.*]

[*Constitutional Convention*]

SEC. 2. The Legislature by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, may submit at a general election the question whether to call a convention to revise the Constitution. If the majority vote yes on that question, within 6 months the Legislature shall provide for the convention. Delegates to a constitutional convention shall be voters elected from districts as nearly equal in population as may be practicable. [*New section adopted November 3, 1970.*]

[*Initiatives*]

SEC. 3. The electors may amend the Constitution by initiative. [*New section adopted November 3, 1970.*]

[*Effective Date: Conflict*]

SEC. 4. A proposed amendment or revision shall be submitted to the electors and if approved by a majority of votes thereon takes effect the day after the election unless the measure provides otherwise. If provisions of 2 or more measures approved at the same election conflict, those of the measure receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail. [*New section adopted November 3, 1970.*]

ARTICLE XIX. [*Repealed November 4, 1952.*]

\* New Article XVIII adopted November 3, 1970

ARTICLE XX

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS

SECTION 1. [*Repealed November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 2. [*Repealed November 3, 1970.*]

[*Oath of Office*]

SEC. 3. Members of the Legislature, and all public officers and employees, executive, legislative, and judicial, except such inferior officers and employees as may be by law exempted, shall, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation:

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

“And I do further swear (or affirm) that I do not advocate, nor am I a member of any party or organization, political or otherwise, that now advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States or of the State of California by force or violence or other unlawful means; that within the five years immediately preceding the taking of this oath (or affirmation) I have not been a member of any party or organization, political or otherwise, that advocated the overthrow of the Government of the United States or of the State of California by force or violence or other unlawful means except as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(If no affiliations, write in the words “No Exceptions”)  
and that during such time as I hold the office of \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of office)

I will not advocate nor become a member of any party or organization, political or otherwise, that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States or of the State of California by force or violence or other unlawful means.”

And no other oath, declaration, or test, shall be required as a qualification for any public office or employment.

“Public officer and employee” includes every officer and employee of the State, including the University of California, every county, city, city and county, district, and authority, including any department, division, bureau, board, commission, agency, or instrumentality of any of the foregoing. [*As amended November 4, 1952.*]

SEC. 3.5. [*Repealed November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 4. [*Repealed November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 5. [*Repealed November 3, 1970. See Section 5, below.*]

[*Convict Labor*]

SEC. 5. The labor of convicts shall not be let out by contract to any person, copartnership, company or corporation, and the Legislature shall, by law, provide for the working of convicts for the benefit of the state. [*New section adopted November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 6. [*Repealed November 7, 1972.*]

SEC. 7. [*Repealed November 3, 1970.*]

[*Separate Property of Husband and Wife*]

SEC. 8. Property owned before marriage or acquired during marriage by gift, will, or inheritance is separate property. [*As amended November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 9. [*Repealed November 3, 1970.*]

[*Disqualification From Office for Bribery*]

SEC. 10. Every person shall be disqualified from holding any office of profit in this State who shall have been convicted of having given or offered a bribe to procure his election or appointment.

[*Misconduct in Office—Ineligibility to Hold Office—Free Suffrage*]

SEC. 11. Laws shall be made to exclude from office, serving on juries, and from the right of suffrage, persons convicted of bribery, perjury, forgery, malfeasance in office, or other high crimes. The privilege of free suffrage shall be supported by laws regulating elections and prohibiting, under adequate penalties, all undue influence thereon from power, bribery, tumult, or other improper practice.

SEC. 12. [*Repealed November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 13. [*Repealed November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 14. [*Repealed November 3, 1970.*]

[*Mechanics' Liens*]

SEC. 15. Mechanics, material men, artisans, and laborers of every class, shall have a lien upon the property upon which they have bestowed labor or furnished material for the value of such labor done and material furnished; and the Legislature shall provide, by law, for the speedy and efficient enforcement of such liens.

SEC. 16. [*Repealed November 7, 1972.*]

[*Eight-hour Day on Public Work*]

SEC. 17. Worktime of mechanics or workmen on public works may not exceed eight hours a day except in wartime or extraordinary emergencies that endanger life or property. The Legislature shall provide for enforcement of this section. [*As amended November 3, 1970.*]

[*Minimum Wages*]

SEC. 17½. The Legislature may provide for minimum wages and for the general welfare of employees and for those purposes may confer on a commission legislative, executive, and judicial powers. [*As amended November 3, 1970.*]

[*Sex Not a Disqualification for Business*]

SEC. 18. A person may not be disqualified because of sex, from entering or pursuing a lawful business, vocation, or profession. [*As amended November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 19. [*Repealed November 8, 1949. See Section 19, below.*]

[*Subversive Persons and Groups*]

SEC. 19. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, no person or organization which advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States or the State by force or violence or other unlawful means or who advocates the support of a foreign government against the United States in the event of hostilities shall:

(a) Hold any office or employment under this State, including but not limited to the University of California, or with any county, city or county, city, district, political subdivision, authority, board, bureau, commission or other public agency of this State; or

(b) Receive any exemption from any tax imposed by this State or any county, city or county, city, district, political subdivision, authority, board, bureau, commission or other public agency of this State.

The Legislature shall enact such laws as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this section. [*New section adopted November 4, 1952.*]

[*State Officers—Commencement of Terms—Time of Elections*]

SEC. 20. Terms of elective offices provided for by this Constitution, other than Members of the Legislature, commence on the Monday after January 1 following election. The election shall be held in the last even-numbered year before the term expires. [*As amended November 7, 1972.*]

[*Workmen's Compensation*]

SEC. 21. The Legislature is hereby expressly vested with plenary power, unlimited by any provision of this Constitution, to create, and enforce a complete system of workmen's compensation, by appropriate legislation, and in that behalf to create and enforce a liability on the part of any or all persons to compensate any or all of their workmen for injury or disability, and their dependents for death incurred or sustained by the said workmen in the course of their employment, irrespective of the fault of any party. A complete system of workmen's compensation includes adequate provisions for the comfort, health and safety and general welfare of any and all workmen and those dependent upon them for support to the extent of relieving from the consequences of any injury or death incurred or sustained by workmen in the course

of their employment, irrespective of the fault of any party; also full provision for securing safety in places of employment; full provision for such medical, surgical, hospital and other remedial treatment as is requisite to cure and relieve from the effects of such injury; full provision for adequate insurance coverage against liability to pay or furnish compensation; full provision for regulating such insurance coverage in all its aspects, including the establishment and management of a State compensation insurance fund; full provision for otherwise securing the payment of compensation; and full provision for vesting power, authority and jurisdiction in an administrative body with all the requisite governmental functions to determine any dispute or matter arising under such legislation, to the end that the administration of such legislation shall accomplish substantial justice in all cases expeditiously, inexpensively, and without incumbrance of any character; all of which matters are expressly declared to be the social public policy of this State, binding upon all departments of the State government.

*[Disputes]*

The Legislature is vested with plenary powers, to provide for the settlement of any disputes arising under such legislation by arbitration, or by an industrial accident commission, by the courts, or by either, any, or all of these agencies, either separately or in combination, and may fix and control the method and manner of trial of any such dispute, the rules of evidence and the manner of review of decisions rendered by the tribunal or tribunals designated by it; provided, that all decisions of any such tribunal shall be subject to review by the appellate courts of this State. The Legislature may combine in one statute all the provisions for a complete system of workmen's compensation, as herein defined.

The Legislature shall have power to provide for the payment of an award to the state in the case of the death, arising out of and in the course of the employment, of an employee without dependents, and such awards may be used for the payment of extra compensation for subsequent injuries beyond the liability of a single employer for awards to his employees.

Nothing contained herein shall be taken or construed to impair or render ineffectual in any measure the creation and existence of the industrial accident commission of this State or the State compensation insurance fund, the creation and existence of which, with all the functions vested in them, are hereby ratified and confirmed. *[As amended November 7, 1972.]*

*[Liquor Control]*

SEC. 22. *[See following section bearing same number.]* The State of California, subject to the internal revenue laws of the United States, shall have the exclusive right and power to license and regulate the manufacture, sale, purchase, possession and transportation of alcoholic beverages within the State, and subject to the laws of the United States



regulating commerce between foreign nations and among the states shall have the exclusive right and power to regulate the importation into and exportation from the State, of alcoholic beverages. In the exercise of these rights and powers, the Legislature shall not constitute the State or any agency thereof a manufacturer or seller of alcoholic beverages.

*[Licensed Premises—Types of Licenses]*

All alcoholic beverages may be bought, sold, served, consumed and otherwise disposed of in premises which shall be licensed as provided by the Legislature. In providing for the licensing of premises, the Legislature may provide for the issuance of, among other licenses, licenses for the following types of premises where the alcoholic beverages specified in the licenses may be sold and served for consumption upon the premises:

(a) For bona fide public eating places, as defined by the Legislature.

(b) For public premises in which food shall not be sold or served as in a bona fide public eating place, but upon which premises the Legislature may permit the sale or service of food products incidental to the sale and service of alcoholic beverages. No person under the age of 21 years shall be permitted to enter and remain in any such premises without lawful business therein.

(c) For public premises for the sale and service of beers alone.

(d) Under such conditions as the Legislature may impose, for railroad dining or club cars, passenger ships, common carriers by air, and bona fide clubs after such clubs have been lawfully operated for not less than one year.

*[Service or Sale to Minors]*

The sale, furnishing, giving, or causing to be sold, furnished, or giving away of any alcoholic beverage to any person under the age of 21 years is hereby prohibited, and no person shall sell, furnish, give, or cause to be sold, furnished, or given away any alcoholic beverage to any person under the age of 21 years, and no person under the age of 21 years shall purchase any alcoholic beverage.

*[Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control]*

The Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall be the head of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, shall be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by a majority vote of all of the members elected to the Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The director may be removed from office by the Governor, and the Legislature shall have the power, by a majority vote of all members elected to each house, to remove the director from office for dereliction of duty or corruption or incompetency. The director may appoint three persons who shall be exempt from civil service, in addition to the person he is authorized to appoint by Section 4 of Article XXIV.

*[Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control—Powers—Duties]*

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall have the exclusive power, except as herein provided and in accordance with laws enacted by the Legislature, to license the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic beverages in this State, and to collect license fees or occupation taxes on account thereof. The department shall have the power, in its discretion, to deny, suspend or revoke any specific alcoholic beverages license if it shall determine for good cause that the granting or continuance of such license would be contrary to public welfare or morals, or that a person seeking or holding a license has violated any law prohibiting conduct involving moral turpitude. It shall be unlawful for any person other than a licensee of said department to manufacture, import or sell alcoholic beverages in this State.

*[Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board]*

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board shall consist of three members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of all of the members elected to the Senate. Each member, at the time of his initial appointment, shall be a resident of a different county from the one in which either of the other members resides. The members of the board may be removed from office by the Governor, and the Legislature shall have the power, by a majority vote of all members elected to each house, to remove any member from office for dereliction of duty or corruption or incompetency.

*[Appeals—Reviews—Reversals]*

When any person aggrieved thereby appeals from a decision of the department ordering any penalty assessment, issuing, denying, transferring, suspending or revoking any license for the manufacture, importation, or sale of alcoholic beverages, the board shall review the decision subject to such limitations as may be imposed by the Legislature. In such cases, the board shall not receive evidence in addition to that considered by the department. Review by the board of a decision of the department shall be limited to the questions whether the department has proceeded without or in excess of its jurisdiction, whether the department has proceeded in the manner required by law, whether the decision is supported by the findings, and whether the findings are supported by substantial evidence in the light of the whole record. In appeals where the board finds that there is relevant evidence which, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not have been produced or which was improperly excluded at the hearing before the department it may enter an order remanding the matter to the department for reconsideration in the light of such evidence. In all other appeals the board shall enter an order either affirming or reversing the decision of the department. When the order reverses the decision of the department, the board may direct the reconsideration of the matter in the light of its order and may direct the department to take such further action as is specially enjoined upon it by law, but

the order shall not limit or control in any way the discretion vested by law in the department. Orders of the board shall be subject to judicial review upon petition of the director or any party aggrieved by such order.

*[Removal of Director or Board Members]*

A concurrent resolution for the removal of either the director or any member of the board may be introduced in the Legislature only if five Members of the Senate, or 10 Members of the Assembly, join as authors.

*[Licenses—Regulation—Fees]*

Until the Legislature shall otherwise provide, the privilege of keeping, buying, selling, serving, and otherwise disposing of alcoholic beverages in bona fide hotels, restaurants, cafes, cafeterias, railroad dining or club cars, passenger ships, and other public eating places, and in bona fide clubs after such clubs have been lawfully operated for not less than one year, and the privilege of keeping, buying, selling, serving, and otherwise disposing of beers on any premises open to the general public shall be licensed and regulated under the applicable provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, insofar as the same are not inconsistent with the provisions hereof, and excepting that the license fee to be charged bona fide hotels, restaurants, cafes, cafeterias, railroad dining or club cars, passenger ships, and other public eating places, and any bona fide clubs after such clubs have been lawfully operated for not less than one year, for the privilege of keeping, buying, selling, or otherwise disposing of alcoholic beverages, shall be the amounts prescribed as of the operative date hereof, subject to the power of the Legislature to change such fees.

The State Board of Equalization shall assess and collect such excise taxes as are or may be imposed by the Legislature on account of the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic beverages in this State.

The Legislature may authorize, subject to reasonable restrictions, the sale in retail stores of alcoholic beverages contained in the original packages, where such alcoholic beverages are not to be consumed on the premises where sold; and may provide for the issuance of all types of licenses necessary to carry on the activities referred to in the first paragraph of this section, including, but not limited to, licenses necessary for the manufacture, production, processing, importation, exportation, transportation, wholesaling, distribution, and sale of any and all kinds of alcoholic beverages.

The Legislature shall provide for apportioning the amounts collected for license fees or occupation taxes under the provisions hereof between the State and the cities, counties and cities and counties of the State, in such manner as the Legislature may deem proper.

All constitutional provisions and laws inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

The provisions of this section shall be self-executing, but nothing herein shall prohibit the Legislature from enacting laws implementing

and not inconsistent with such provisions.

This amendment shall become operative on January 1, 1957. [*As amended November 6, 1956.*]

*[Rate of Interest—Usury]*

SEC. 22. [*See preceding section bearing same number.*] The rate of interest upon the loan or forbearance of any money, goods or things in action, or on accounts after demand or judgment rendered in any court of the State, shall be 7 per cent per annum but it shall be competent for the parties to any loan or forbearance of any money, goods or things in action to contract in writing for a rate of interest not exceeding 10 per cent per annum.

*[Charges]*

No person, association, copartnership or corporation shall by charging any fee, bonus, commission, discount or other compensation receive from a borrower more than 10 per cent per annum upon any loan or forbearance of any money, goods or things in action.

*[Exemptions]*

However, none of the above restrictions shall apply to any building and loan association as defined in and which is operated under that certain act known as the "Building and Loan Association Act," approved May 5, 1931, as amended, or to any corporation incorporated in the manner prescribed in and operating under that certain act entitled "An act defining industrial loan companies, providing for their incorporation, powers and supervision," approved May 18, 1917, as amended, or any corporation incorporated in the manner prescribed in and operating under that certain act entitled "An act defining credit unions, providing for their incorporation, powers, management and supervision," approved March 31, 1927, as amended or any duly licensed pawnbroker or personal property broker, or any bank as defined in and operating under that certain act known as the "Bank Act," approved March 1, 1909, as amended, or any bank created and operating under and pursuant to any laws of this State or of the United States of America or any nonprofit cooperative association organized under Chapter 4 of Division VI \* of the Agricultural Code in loaning or advancing money in connection with any activity mentioned in said title or any corporation, association, syndicate, joint stock company, or partnership engaged exclusively in the business of marketing agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, dairy, live stock, poultry and bee products on a cooperative nonprofit basis in loaning or advancing money to the members thereof or in connection with any such business or any corporation securing money or credit from any Federal intermediate credit bank, organized and existing pursuant to the

\* Provisions of Chapter 4 of Division VI of the Agricultural Code are now contained in Chapter 1 of Division 20 of the Food and Agricultural Code as reenacted by Statutes of 1967, Chapter 15, and renamed by Statutes of 1972, Chapter 225

provisions of an act of Congress entitled "Agricultural Credits Act of 1923," as amended in loaning or advancing credit so secured, nor shall any such charge of any said exempted classes of persons be considered in any action or for any purpose as increasing or affecting or as connected with the rate of interest hereinbefore fixed. The Legislature may from time to time prescribe the maximum rate per annum of, or provide for the supervision, or the filing of a schedule of, or in any manner fix, regulate or limit, the fees, bonus, commissions, discounts or other compensation which all or any of the said exempted classes of persons may charge or receive from a borrower in connection with any loan or forbearance of any money, goods or things in action.

The provisions of this section shall supersede all provisions of this Constitution and laws enacted thereunder in conflict therewith. [*New section adopted November 6, 1934.*]

[*State Colleges—Speaker, Member of Governing Body*]

SEC. 23. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Speaker of the Assembly shall be an ex officio member, having equal rights and duties with the nonlegislative members, of any state agency created by the Legislature in the field of public higher education which is charged with the management, administration, and control of the State College System of California. [*New section adopted November 3, 1970.*]

[*Laws Concerning Corporations*]

SEC. 24. All laws now in force in this State concerning corporations and all laws that may be hereafter passed pursuant to this section may be altered from time to time or repealed. [*New section adopted June 6, 1972.*]

[*Reduction in Legislator's Term of Office—Retirement Benefits, etc.*]

SEC. 25. Any legislator whose term of office is reduced by operation of the amendment to subdivision (a) of Section 2 of Article IV adopted by the people in 1972 shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, be entitled to retirement benefits and compensation as if his term had not been so reduced. [*New section adopted November 7, 1972.*]

ARTICLE XXI. [*Repealed November 7, 1972.*]

ARTICLE XXII. [*Repealed June 6, 1972.*]

## ARTICLE XXIII \*

## RECALL OF PUBLIC OFFICERS

*[Officers Subject to Recall]*

SECTION 1. <sup>1</sup> Every elective public officer of the State of California may be removed from office at any time by the electors entitled to vote for a successor of such incumbent, through the procedure and in the manner herein provided for, which procedure shall be known as the recall, and is in addition to any other method of removal provided by law.

*[Recall Petition]*

<sup>2</sup> The procedure hereunder to effect the removal of an incumbent of an elective public office shall be as follows: A petition signed by electors entitled to vote for a successor of the incumbent sought to be removed, equal in number to at least twelve per cent of the entire vote cast at the last preceding election for all candidates for the office which the incumbent sought to be removed occupies (*provided* that if the officer sought to be removed is a State officer who is elected in any political subdivision of the State, said petition shall be signed by electors entitled to vote for a successor to the incumbent sought to be removed, equal in number to at least twenty per cent of the entire vote cast at the last preceding election for all candidates for the office which the incumbent sought to be removed occupies) demanding an election of a successor to the officer named in said petition, shall be addressed to the Secretary of State and filed with the clerk, or registrar of voters, of the county or city and county in which the petition was circulated; *provided* that if the officer sought to be removed was elected in the State at large such petition shall be circulated in not less than five counties of the State, and shall be signed in each of such counties by electors equal in number to not less than one per cent of the entire vote cast, in each of said counties, at said election, as above estimated. Such petition shall contain a general statement of the grounds on which the removal is sought, which statement is intended solely for the information of the electors, and the sufficiency of which shall not be open to review.

*[Election Date]*

<sup>3</sup> When such petition is certified as is herein provided to the Secretary of State, he shall forthwith submit the said petition, together with a certificate of its sufficiency, to the Governor, who shall thereupon order and fix a date for holding the election, not less than sixty days nor more than eighty days from the date of such certificate of the Secretary of State.

\* New article adopted October 10, 1911  
The superior paragraph numbers are added

*[Recall Election]*

<sup>4</sup> The Governor shall make or cause to be made publication of notice for the holding of such election, and officers charged by law with duties concerning elections shall make all arrangements for such election and the same shall be conducted, returned, and the result thereof declared, in all respects as are other State elections. On the official ballot at such election shall be printed, in not more than two hundred words, the reasons set forth in the petition for demanding his recall. And in not more than three hundred words there shall also be printed, if desired by him, the officer's justification of his course in office. Proceedings for the recall of any officer shall be deemed to be pending from the date of the filing with any county, or city and county clerk, or registrar of voters, of any recall petition against such officer; and if such officer shall resign at any time subsequent to the filing thereof, the recall election shall be held notwithstanding such resignation, and the vacancy caused by such resignation, or from any other cause, shall be filled as provided by law, but the person appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold his office only until the person elected at the said recall election shall qualify.

*[Nominations]*

<sup>5</sup> Any person may be nominated for the office which is to be filled at any recall election by a petition signed by electors, qualified to vote at such recall election, equal in number to at least one per cent of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding election for all candidates for the office which the incumbent sought to be removed occupies. Each such nominating petition shall be filed with the Secretary of State not less than twenty-five days before such recall election.

*[Ballot]*

<sup>6</sup> There shall be printed on the recall ballot, as to every officer whose recall is to be voted on thereat, the following question: "Shall (name of person against whom the recall petition is filed) be recalled from the office of (title of the office)?", following which question shall be the words "Yes" and "No" on separate lines, with a blank space at the right of each, in which the voter shall indicate, by stamping a cross (×), his vote for or against such recall. On such ballots, under each such question, there shall also be printed the names of those persons who have been nominated as candidates to succeed the person recalled, in case he shall be removed from office by said recall election; but no vote cast shall be counted for any candidate for said office unless the voter also voted on said question of the recall of the person sought to be recalled from said office. The name of the person against whom the petition is filed shall not appear on the ballot as a candidate for the office. <sup>7</sup> If a majority of those voting on said question of the recall of any incumbent from office shall vote "No", said incumbent shall continue in said office. If a majority shall vote "Yes", said incumbent shall thereupon be deemed removed from such office, upon the qualification of his successor. The canvassers shall canvass all votes for candidates for

said office and declare the result in like manner as in a regular election. If the vote at any such recall election shall recall the officer, then the candidate who has received the highest number of votes for the office shall be thereby declared elected, for the remainder of the term. In case the person who received the highest number of votes shall fail to qualify within ten days after receiving the certificate of election, the office shall be deemed vacant and shall be filled according to law.

[*Petitions*]

<sup>8</sup> Any recall petition may be presented in sections, but each section shall contain a full and accurate copy of the title and text of the petition. Each signer shall add to his signature his place of residence, giving the street and number, if such exist. His election precinct shall also appear on the paper after his name. The number of signatures appended to each section shall be at the pleasure of the person soliciting signatures to the same. Any qualified elector of the State shall be competent to solicit such signatures within the county, or city and county, of which he is an elector. Each section of the petition shall bear the name of the county, or city and county in which it is circulated, and only qualified electors of such county or city and county shall be competent to sign such section. Each section shall have attached thereto the affidavit of the person soliciting signatures to the same stating his qualifications and that all the signatures to the attached section were made in his presence and that to the best of his knowledge and belief each signature to the section is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be; and no other affidavit thereto shall be required. The affidavit of any person soliciting signatures hereunder shall be verified free of charge by any officer authorized to administer an oath. Such petition so verified shall be prima facie evidence that the signatures thereto appended are genuine and that the persons signing the same are qualified electors. Unless and until it is otherwise proven upon official investigation, it shall be presumed that the petition presented contains the signatures of the requisite number of electors. <sup>9</sup> Each section of the petition shall be filed with the clerk, or registrar of voters, of the county or city and county in which it was circulated; but all such sections circulated in any county or city and county shall be filed at the same time. Within twenty days after the date of filing such petition, the clerk, or registrar of voters, shall finally determine from the records of registration what number of qualified electors have signed the same; and, if necessary, the board of supervisors shall allow such clerk or registrar additional assistants for the purpose of examining such petition and provide for their compensation. The said clerk or registrar, upon the completion of such examination, shall forthwith attach to such petition his certificate, properly dated, showing the result of such examination, and submit said petition, except as to the signatures appended thereto, to the Secretary of State and file a copy of said certificate in his office. <sup>10</sup> Within forty days from the transmission of the

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said petition and certificate by the clerk or registrar of voters to the Secretary of State, a supplemental petition, identical with the original as to the body of the petition but containing supplemental names, may be filed with the clerk or registrar of voters, as aforesaid. The clerk or registrar of voters shall within ten days after the filing of such supplemental petition make like examination thereof as of the original petition, and upon the conclusion of such examination shall forthwith attach to such petition his certificate, properly dated, showing the result of such examination, and shall forthwith transmit such supplemental petition, except as to the signatures thereon, together with his said certificate, to the Secretary of State.

*[Qualification of Petition]*

<sup>11</sup> When the Secretary of State shall have received from one or more county clerks, or registrars of voters, a petition certified as herein provided to have been signed by the requisite number of qualified electors, he shall forthwith transmit to the county clerk or registrar of voters of every county or city and county in the State a certificate showing such fact; and such clerk or registrar of voters shall thereupon file said certificate for record in his office.

<sup>12</sup> A petition shall be deemed to be filed with the Secretary of State upon the date of the receipt by him of a certificate or certificates showing the said petition to be signed by the requisite number of electors of the State.

*[Limitations on Recall—Minimum Incumbency]*

<sup>13</sup> No recall petition shall be circulated or filed against any officer until he has actually held his office for at least six months; save and except it may be filed against any member of the State Legislature at any time after five days from the convening and organizing of the Legislature after his election.

*[Expenses]*

<sup>14</sup> If at any recall election the incumbent whose removal is sought is not recalled, he shall be repaid from the State treasury any amount legally expended by him as expenses of such election, and the Legislature shall provide appropriation for such purpose, and no proceedings for another recall election of said incumbent shall be initiated within six months after such election.

*[Substitute Officials]*

<sup>15</sup> If the Governor is sought to be removed under the provisions of this article, the duties herein imposed upon him shall be performed by the Lieutenant Governor; and if the Secretary of State is sought to be removed, the duties herein imposed upon him shall be performed by the State Controller; and the duties herein imposed upon the clerk or

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registrar of voters, shall be performed by such registrar of voters in all cases where the office of registrar of voters exists.

*[Local Recalls]*

<sup>16</sup> The recall shall also be exercised by the electors of each county, city and county, city and town of the State, with reference to the elective officers thereof, under such procedure as shall be provided by law.

<sup>17</sup> Until otherwise provided by law, the legislative body of any such county, city and county, city or town may provide for the manner of exercising such recall powers in such counties, cities and counties, cities and towns, but shall not require any such recall petition to be signed by electors more in number than twenty-five percent of the entire vote cast at the last preceding election for all candidates for the office which the incumbent sought to be removed occupies. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting or limiting the present or future powers of cities or counties or cities and counties having charters adopted under the authority given by the Constitution.

*[General Laws]*

<sup>18</sup> In the submission to the electors of any petition proposed under this article all officers shall be guided by the general laws of the State, except as otherwise herein provided.

<sup>19</sup> This article is self-executing, but legislation may be enacted to facilitate its operation, but in no way limiting or restricting the provisions of this article or the powers herein reserved. *[New section adopted October 10, 1911.]*

ARTICLE XXIV. *[Repealed November 3, 1970.  
See Article XXIV, below.]*

ARTICLE XXIV \*

STATE CIVIL SERVICE

SECTION 1. *[Repealed November 3, 1970. see Section 1, below.]*

*[Appointments and Promotions in State Civil Service—Merit System]*

SEC. 1. (a) The civil service includes every officer and employee of the state except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.

(b) In the civil service permanent appointment and promotion shall be made under a general system based on merit ascertained by competitive examination. *[New section adopted November 3, 1970.]*

SEC. 2. *[Repealed November 3, 1970. See Section 2, below.]*

The superior paragraph numbers are added

\* New Article XXIV adopted November 3, 1970

*[State Personnel Board]*

SEC. 2. (a) There is a Personnel Board of 5 members appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate, a majority of the membership concurring, for 10-year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Appointment to fill a vacancy is for the unexpired portion of the term. A member may be removed by concurrent resolution adopted by each house, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring.

(b) The board annually shall elect one of its members chairman.

*[Executive Officer]*

(c) The board shall appoint and prescribe compensation for an executive officer who shall be a member of the civil service but not a member of the board. *[New section adopted November 3, 1970.]*

SEC. 3. *[Repealed November 3, 1970. See Section 3, below.]*

*[Powers of Board to Enforce Laws]*

SEC. 3. (a) The board shall enforce the civil service statutes and, by majority vote of all its members, shall prescribe probationary periods and classifications, adopt other rules authorized by statute, and review disciplinary actions.

(b) The executive officer shall administer the civil service statutes under rules of the board. *[New section adopted November 3, 1970.]*

SEC. 4. *[Repealed November 3, 1970. See Section 4, below.]*

*[State Civil Service Exemptions]*

SEC. 4. The following are exempt from civil service:

(a) Officers and employees appointed or employed by the Legislature, either house, or legislative committees.

(b) Officers and employees appointed or employed by councils, commissions or public corporations in the judicial branch or by a court of record or officer thereof.

(c) Officers elected by the people and a deputy and an employee selected by each elected officer.

(d) Members of boards and commissions.

(e) A deputy or employee selected by each board or commission either appointed by the Governor or authorized by statute.

(f) State officers directly appointed by the Governor with or without the consent or confirmation of the Senate and the employees of the Governor's office, and the employees of the Lieutenant Governor's office directly appointed or employed by the Lieutenant Governor.

(g) A deputy or employee selected by each officer, except members of boards and commissions, exempted under Section 4(f).

(h) Officers and employees of the University of California and the California State Colleges.

(i) The teaching staff of schools under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education or the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(j) Member, inmate, and patient help in state homes, charitable or

correctional institutions, and state facilities for mentally ill or retarded persons.

(k) Members of the militia while engaged in military service.

(l) Officers and employees of district agricultural associations employed less than 6 months in a calendar year.

(m) In addition to positions exempted by other provisions of this section, the Attorney General may appoint or employ six deputies or employees, the Public Utilities Commission may appoint or employ one deputy or employee, and the Legislative Counsel may appoint or employ two deputies or employees. [*New section adopted November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 5. [*Repealed November 3, 1970. See Section 5, below.*]

[*Temporary Appointments*]

SEC. 5. A temporary appointment may be made to a position for which there is no employment list. No person may serve in one or more positions under temporary appointment longer than 9 months in 12 consecutive months. [*New section adopted November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 6. [*Repealed November 3, 1970. See Section 6, below.*]

[*Veterans' Preferences*]

SEC. 6. (a) The Legislature may provide preferences for veterans and their widows.

(b) The board by special rule may permit persons in exempt positions, brought under civil service by constitutional provision, to qualify to continue in their positions.

(c) When the state undertakes work previously performed by a county, city, public district of this state or by a federal department or agency, the board by special rule shall provide for persons who previously performed this work to qualify to continue in their positions in the state civil service subject to such minimum standards as may be established by statute. [*New section adopted November 3, 1970.*]

SEC. 7. [*Repealed November 3, 1970.*]

ARTICLE XXV. [*Repealed November 8, 1949. Initiative measure.*]

ARTICLE XXVI \*

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXATION AND REVENUES

[*Use of Fuel Taxes*]

SECTION 1. (a) From and after the effective date of this article, all moneys collected from any tax now or hereafter imposed by the State upon the manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of motor vehicle fuel, for use in motor vehicles upon the public streets and highways over and

\* New article adopted November 8, 1938

above the costs of collection, and any refunds authorized by law shall be used exclusively and directly for highway purposes, as follows:

(1) The construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of public streets and highways, whether in incorporated or unincorporated territory, for the payment for property, including but not restricted to rights of way, taken or damaged for such purposes and for administrative costs necessarily incurred in connection with the foregoing.

(2) As now or hereafter may be provided by law, the net revenue from not more than twenty per cent of one cent per gallon tax on such motor vehicle fuel may be expended under any act of the Legislature for the payment, redemption, discharge, purchase, adjustment, contributing to or refunding of special assessments or bonds or coupons issued for street or highway purposes as set forth in this section and which special assessment districts were initiated by an ordinance or resolution of intention adopted prior to January 1, 1933. [*New section adopted November 8, 1938.*]

*[Use of Motor Vehicle Registration and License Fees and Taxes]*

SEC. 2. (a) From and after the effective date of this article, all moneys collected from motor vehicle and other vehicle registration license fees and from any other tax or license fee now or hereafter imposed by the State upon vehicles, motor vehicles or the operation thereof, except as may otherwise be provided in Section 4 of this article, shall be used for the following purposes:

1. For costs of collection and for the administration and enforcement of all laws now in effect or hereafter enacted, regulating or concerning the use, operation or registration of vehicles used upon the public streets and highways of this State and for the exercise of those powers and for the performance of those duties now imposed upon the California Highway Patrol.

2. For street and highway purposes as specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1 of this article.

(b) The moneys referred to in subdivision (a) of this section allocated to the counties and any city and county may also be used as now or hereafter provided by the Legislature for the following additional purposes, provided such use will not in any manner cause the loss of Federal highway funds to this State;

(1) For the payment of any portion of the principal or interest of, or for the purchase or redemption at a discount of, or for transfer to the interest and sinking fund for the discharge and payment of bonds voted at an election prior to January 1, 1935, and issued by a city, city and county, or county, the proceeds of which have been used for the purposes specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1 of this article.

(2) For the payment, redemption, discharge, purchase, adjustment, contributing to or refunding of special assessments or bonds or coupons issued to represent such special assessments, which assessments were

imposed wherein the ordinance or resolution of intention was adopted prior to January 1, 1933, for the acquisition of rights of way or easements for or for the construction or improvements of public streets, highways or parks. [*New section adopted November 8, 1938.*]

[*Appropriations by the Legislature—Regulation of Expenditures, Etc.*]

SEC. 3. The provisions of this article are self-executing but the Legislature shall have full power to appropriate such moneys and to provide the manner of their expenditure by the State, counties, cities and counties, or cities for the purposes specified and to enact legislation not in conflict with this article. This article shall not prevent any part of the moneys referred to in Sections 1 or 2 hereof from being temporarily loaned to the State general fund upon condition that the amount so loaned shall be repaid therefrom to the funds from which so borrowed to be used for the purposes specified in Sections 1 or 2 hereof. [*New section adopted November 8, 1938.*]

[*Scope of Article—Not to Affect Certain Existing Acts*]

SEC. 4. This article shall not affect or apply to any license fees or taxes imposed by Chapter 339, Statutes of 1933, as amended, nor to any tax which is now or may hereafter be imposed by the "Retail Sales Tax Act of 1933," as amended, or the "Use Tax Act of 1935," as amended; nor shall it affect or repeal any provision of the "Unemployment Relief Bond Act of 1933," Chapter 207, Statutes of 1933, as approved by Section 9 \* of Article XVI of this Constitution, nor shall it affect or invalidate Chapter 362, Statutes of 1935, as amended, imposing a motor vehicle license fee based upon value. The Legislature may continue in effect the tax imposed by Chapter 362, Statutes of 1935 as amended, provided that the continuation of, or any amendment to, said Chapter 362, shall provide that the revenue from said tax, excluding the costs of collection and subventions to counties, cities and counties, and cities, shall first be applied to the payment of principal and interest on all State highway bonds outstanding on the effective date of this article. In the event the tax imposed by said Chapter 362, Statutes of 1935 as amended, is repealed, the Legislature may make provision for such payment of said State highway bonds by means of any fees or taxes of the types mentioned in this article, whether now or hereafter imposed, provided such payment will not in any manner cause the loss of Federal highway funds to this State.

Nothing in this article shall be construed as repealing, superseding or modifying that provision of Section 15 of Article XIII of this Constitution, reading as follows:

"Out of the revenue from State taxes for which provision is made in this article, together with all other State revenues, there shall first be set apart the moneys to be applied by the State to the support of the public school system and the State university."

In the event, however, moneys are transferred to the general fund of

\* Section 9, Article XVI, repealed November 6, 1962

the State from the funds referred to in this article for the support of the public schools and the State university, pursuant to Section 15 of Article XIII of this Constitution, the moneys so transferred shall be returned to the funds from which they were transferred from the first moneys available in the general fund in excess of those required under Section 15 of Article XIII of this Constitution for the support of the public schools and the State university. [*New section adopted November 8, 1938.*]

ARTICLE XXVII. [*Repealed November 3, 1970.*]

ARTICLE XXVIII \*

OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION

[*State Policy*]

SECTION 1. The people hereby declare that it is in the best interest of the state to maintain, preserve, conserve and otherwise continue in existence open space lands for the production of food and fiber and to assure the use and enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-being of the state and its citizens. The people further declare that assessment practices must be so designed as to permit the continued availability of open space lands for these purposes, and it is the intent of this article to so provide. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

[*Assessment Valuation*]

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, the Legislature may by law define open space lands and provide that when such lands are subject to enforceable restriction, as specified by the Legislature, to the use thereof solely for recreation, for the enjoyment of scenic beauty, for the use of natural resources, or for production of food or fiber, such lands shall be valued for assessment purposes on such basis as the Legislature shall determine to be consistent with such restriction and use. All assessors shall assess such open space lands on the basis only of such restriction and use, and in the assessment thereof shall consider no factors other than those specified by the Legislature under the authorization of this section. [*New section adopted November 8, 1966.*]

\* New article adopted November 8, 1966

## ARTICLE XXXIV \*

## PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT LAW

*[Approval of Low Rent Housing Projects by Electors]*

SECTION 1. No low rent housing project shall hereafter be developed, constructed, or acquired in any manner by any state public body until, a majority of the qualified electors of the city, town or county, as the case may be, in which it is proposed to develop, construct, or acquire the same, voting upon such issue, approve such project by voting in favor thereof at an election to be held for that purpose, or at any general or special election.

*[“Low Rent Housing Project”]*

For the purposes of this article the term “low rent housing project” shall mean any development composed of urban or rural dwellings, apartments or other living accommodations for persons of low income, financed in whole or in part by the Federal Government or a state public body or to which the Federal Government or a state public body extends assistance by supplying all or part of the labor, by guaranteeing the payment of liens, or otherwise. For the purposes of this article only there shall be excluded from the term “low rent housing project” any such project where there shall be in existence on the effective date hereof, a contract for financial assistance between any state public body and the Federal Government in respect to such project.

*[“Persons of Low Income”]*

For the purposes of this article only “persons of low income” shall mean persons or families who lack the amount of income which is necessary (as determined by the state public body developing, constructing, or acquiring the housing project) to enable them, without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe and sanitary dwellings, without overcrowding.

*[“State Public Body”]*

For the purposes of this article the term “state public body” shall mean this State, or any city, city and county, county, district, authority, agency, or any other subdivision or public body of this State.

*[“Federal Government”]*

For the purposes of this article the term “Federal Government” shall mean the United States of America, or any agency or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States of America. [*New section adopted November 7, 1950. Initiative measure.*]

\*New article adopted November 7, 1950 Initiative measure



*[Self-executing Provisions]*

SEC. 2. The provisions of this article shall be self-executing but legislation not in conflict herewith may be enacted to facilitate its operation. *[New section adopted November 7, 1950. Initiative measure.]*

*[Constitutionality of Article]*

SEC. 3. If any portion, section or clause of this article, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall for any reason be declared unconstitutional or held invalid, the remainder of this article, or the application of such portion, section or clause to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby. *[New section adopted November 7, 1950. Initiative measure.]*

*[Scope of Article]*

SEC. 4. The provisions of this article shall supersede all provisions of this Constitution and laws enacted thereunder in conflict therewith. *[New section adopted November 7, 1950. Initiative measure.]*